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ABSTRACT

A display apparatus including a light source, a liquid crystal panel, and one or more directional diffuser lens arrays disposed therebetween provides a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle, a uniform variation of luminance with viewing angle within a first predetermined range of viewing angles and a concentration of light energy within a second predetermined range of viewing angles.

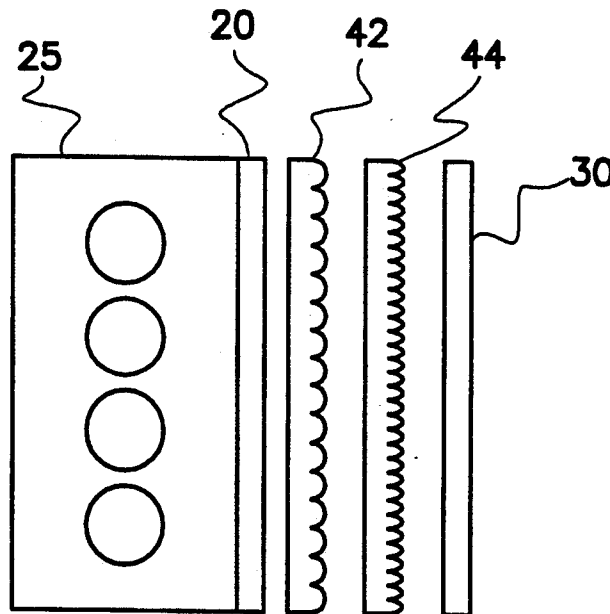
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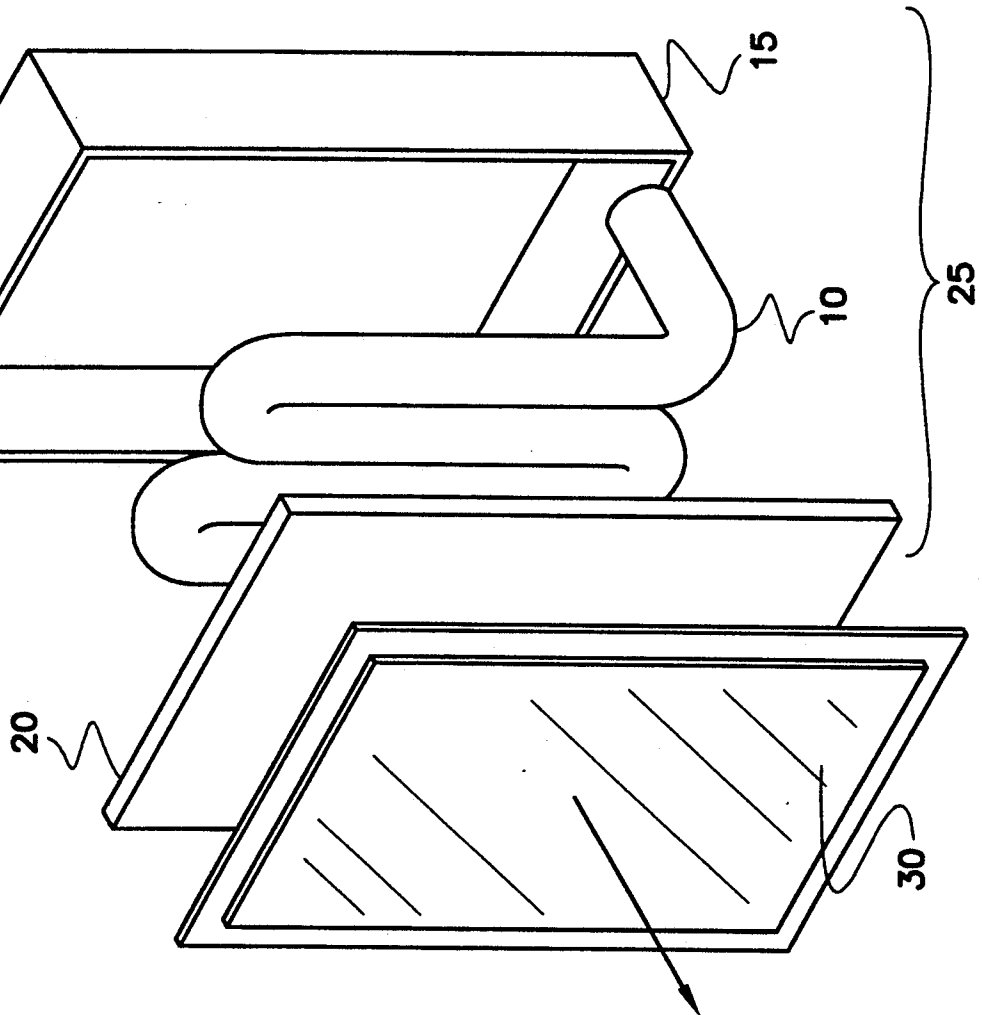
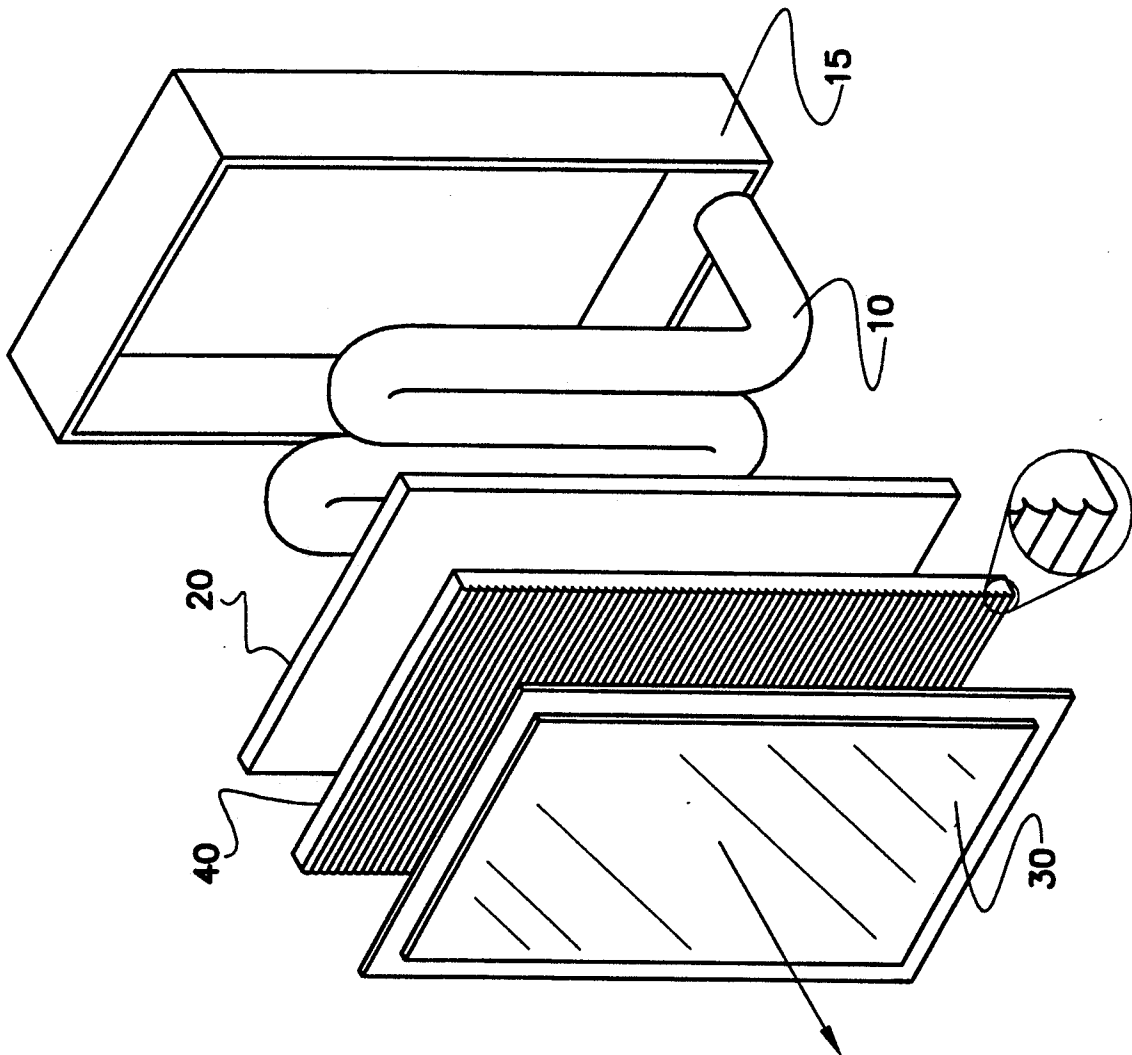


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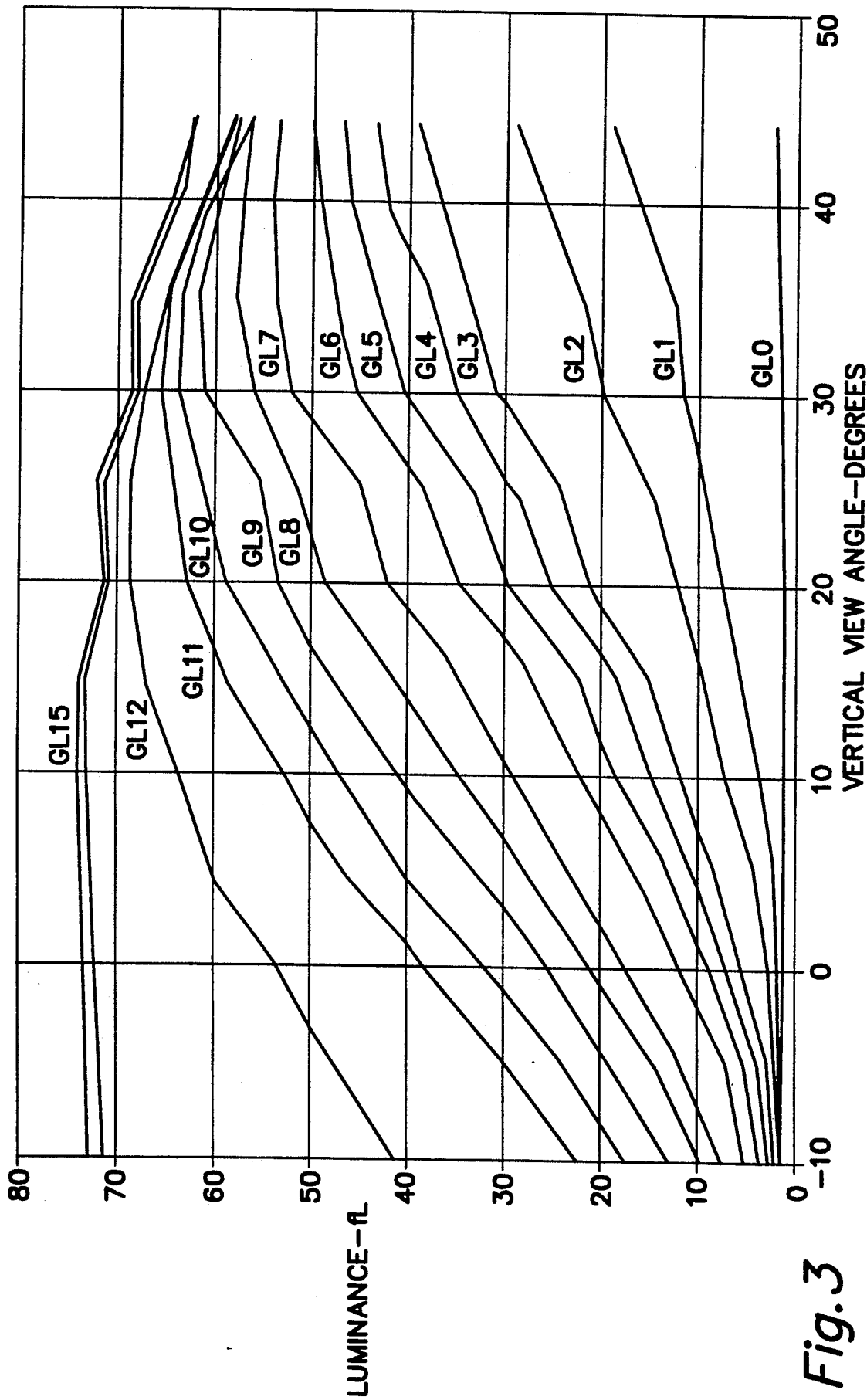
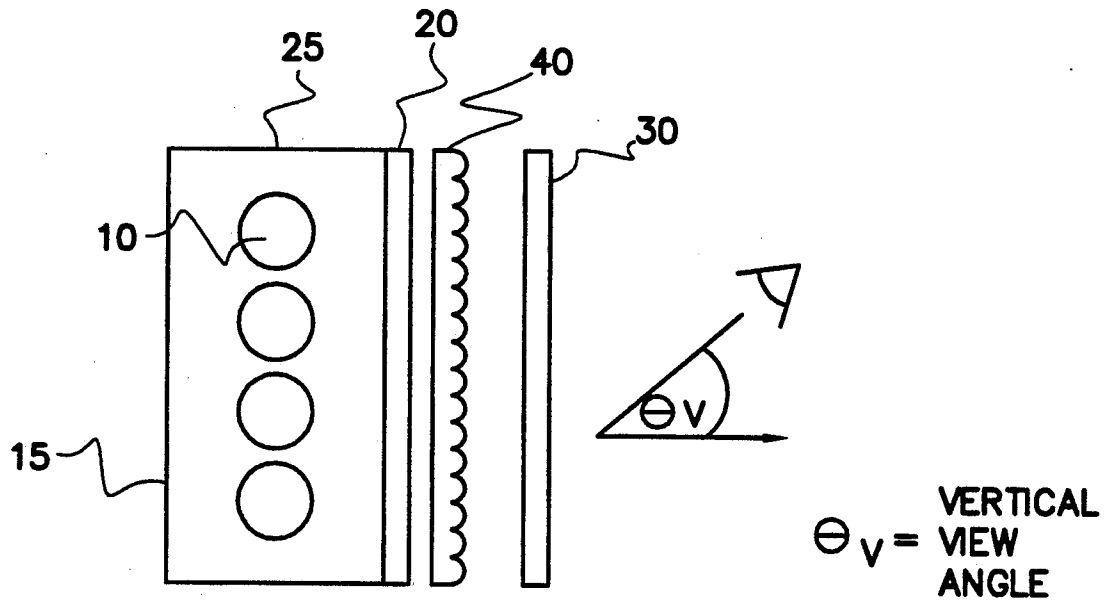
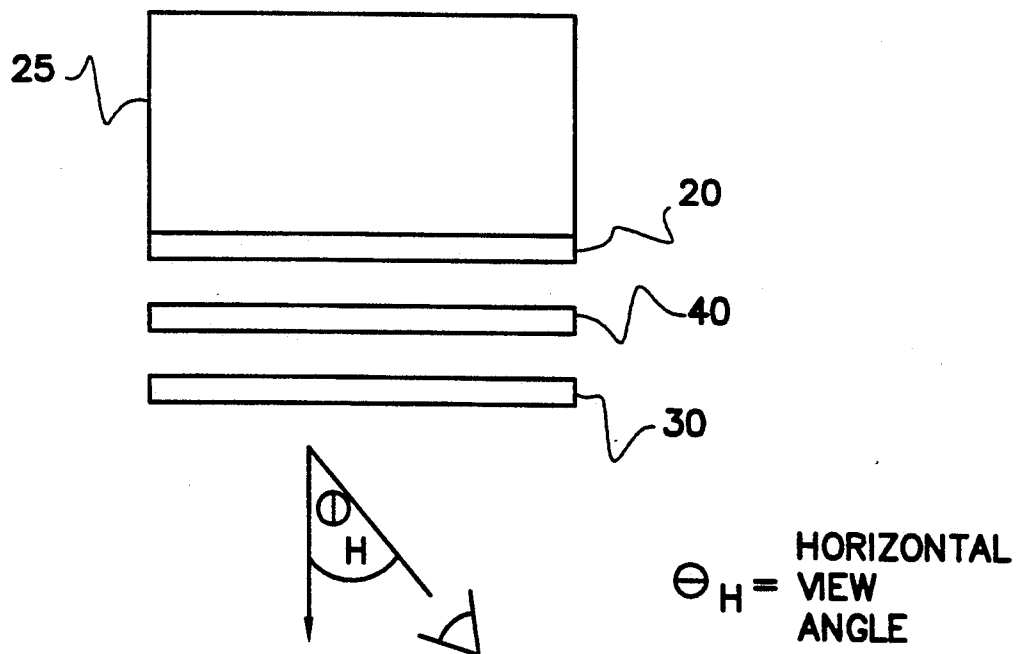


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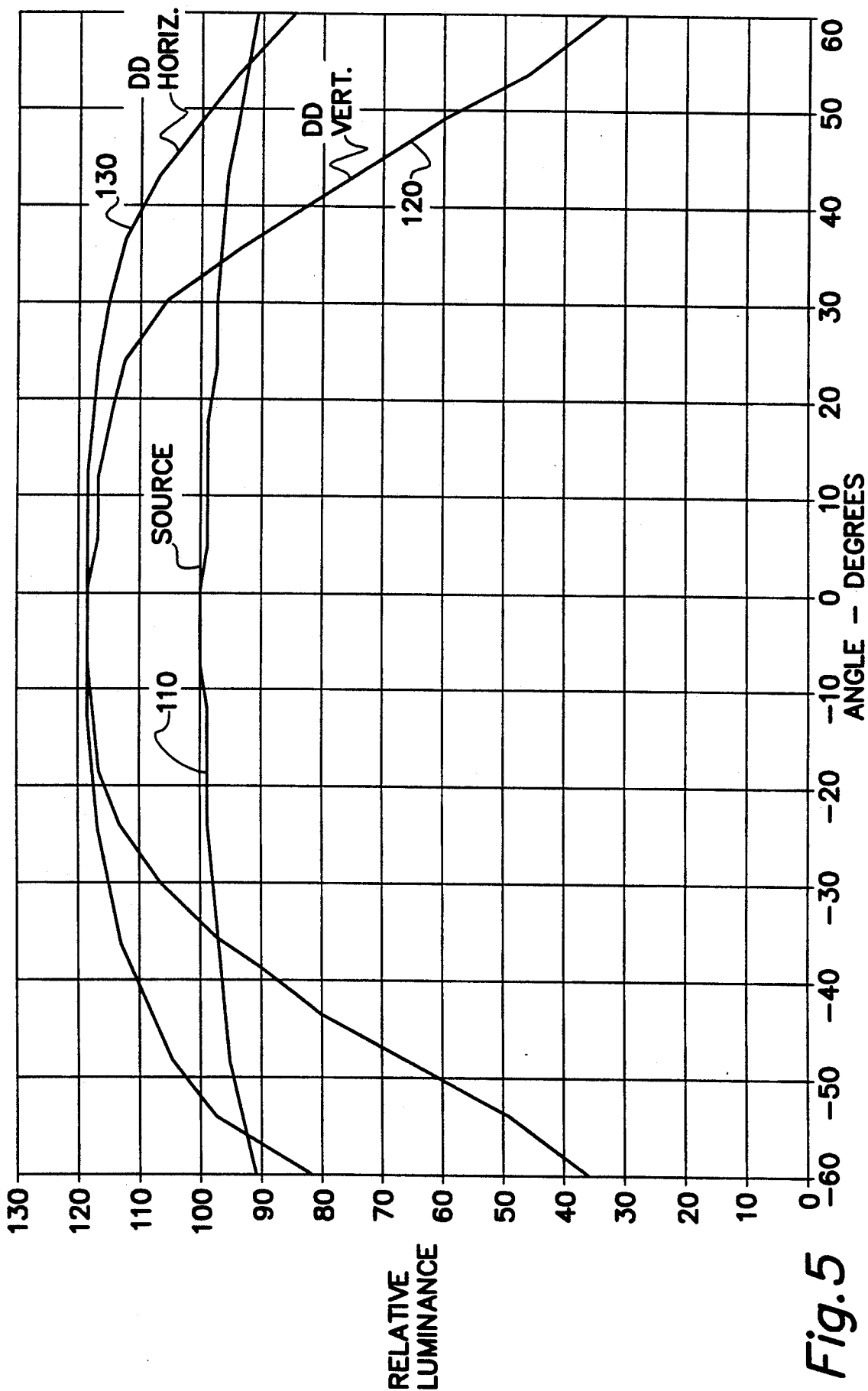
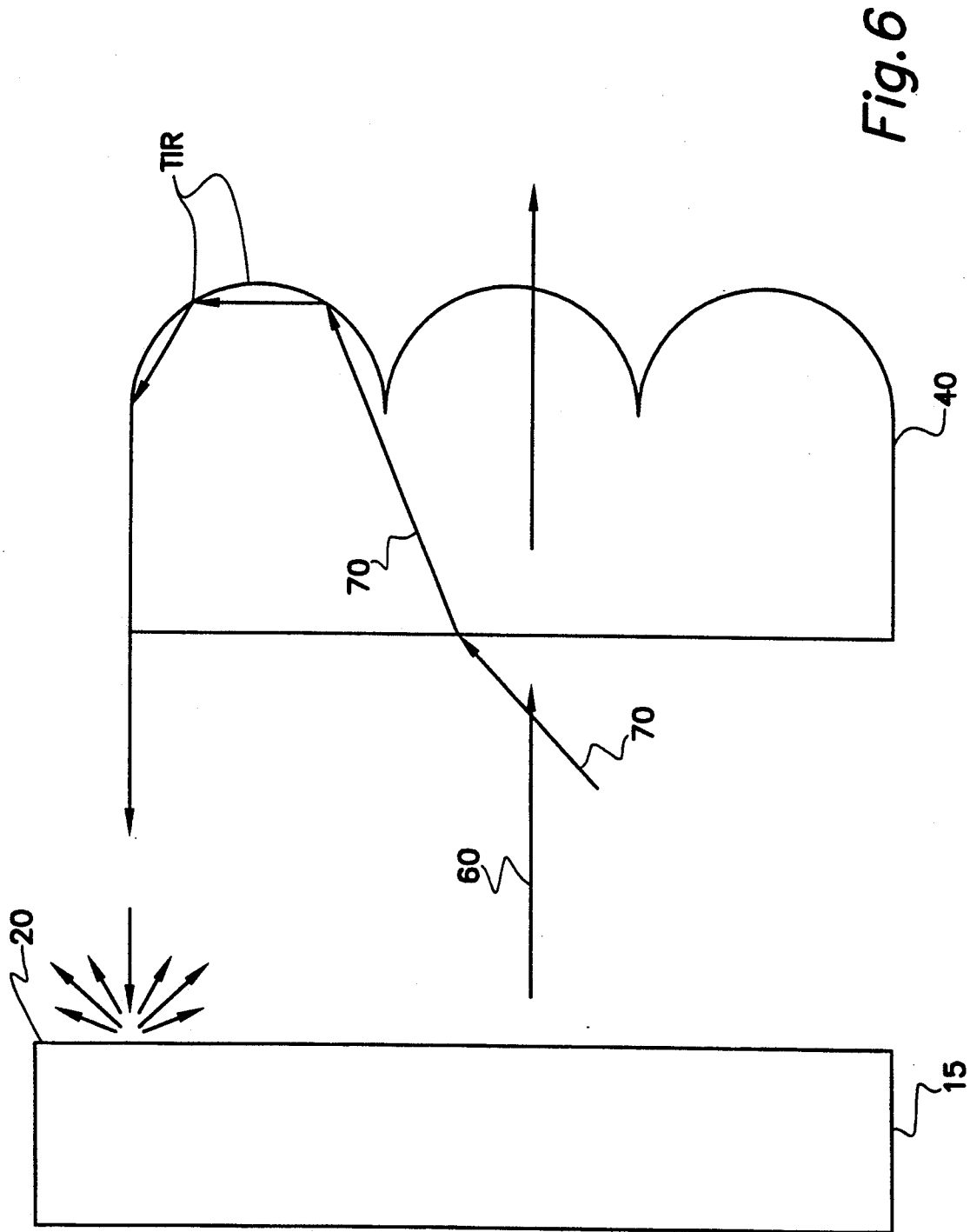
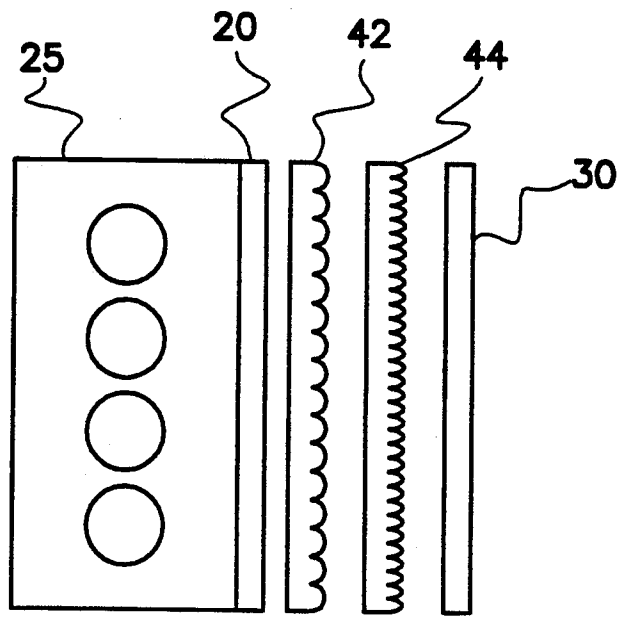
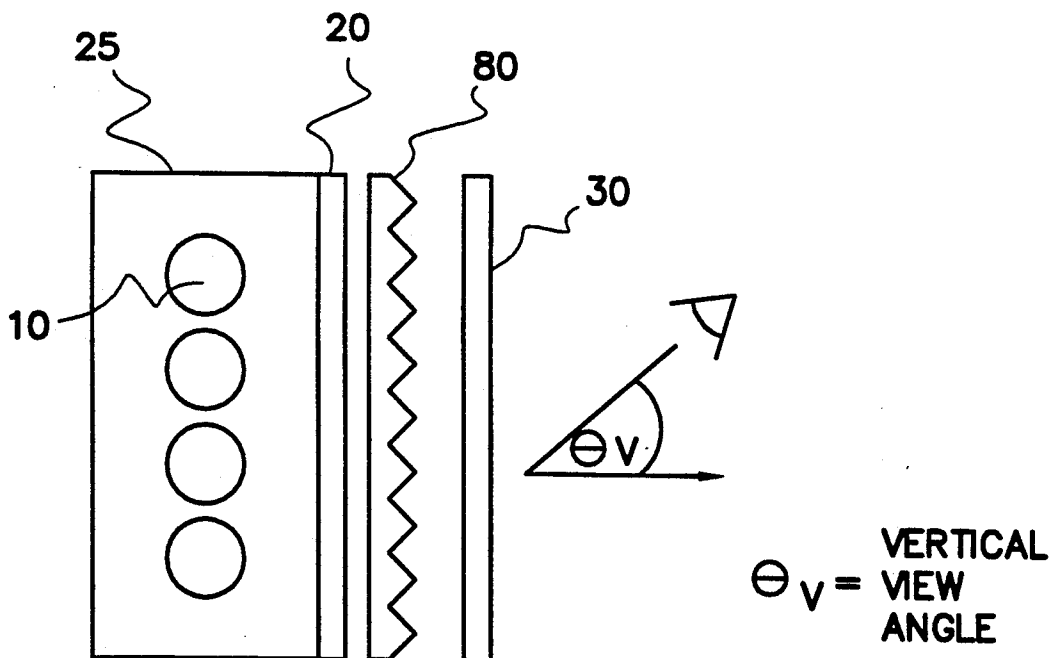


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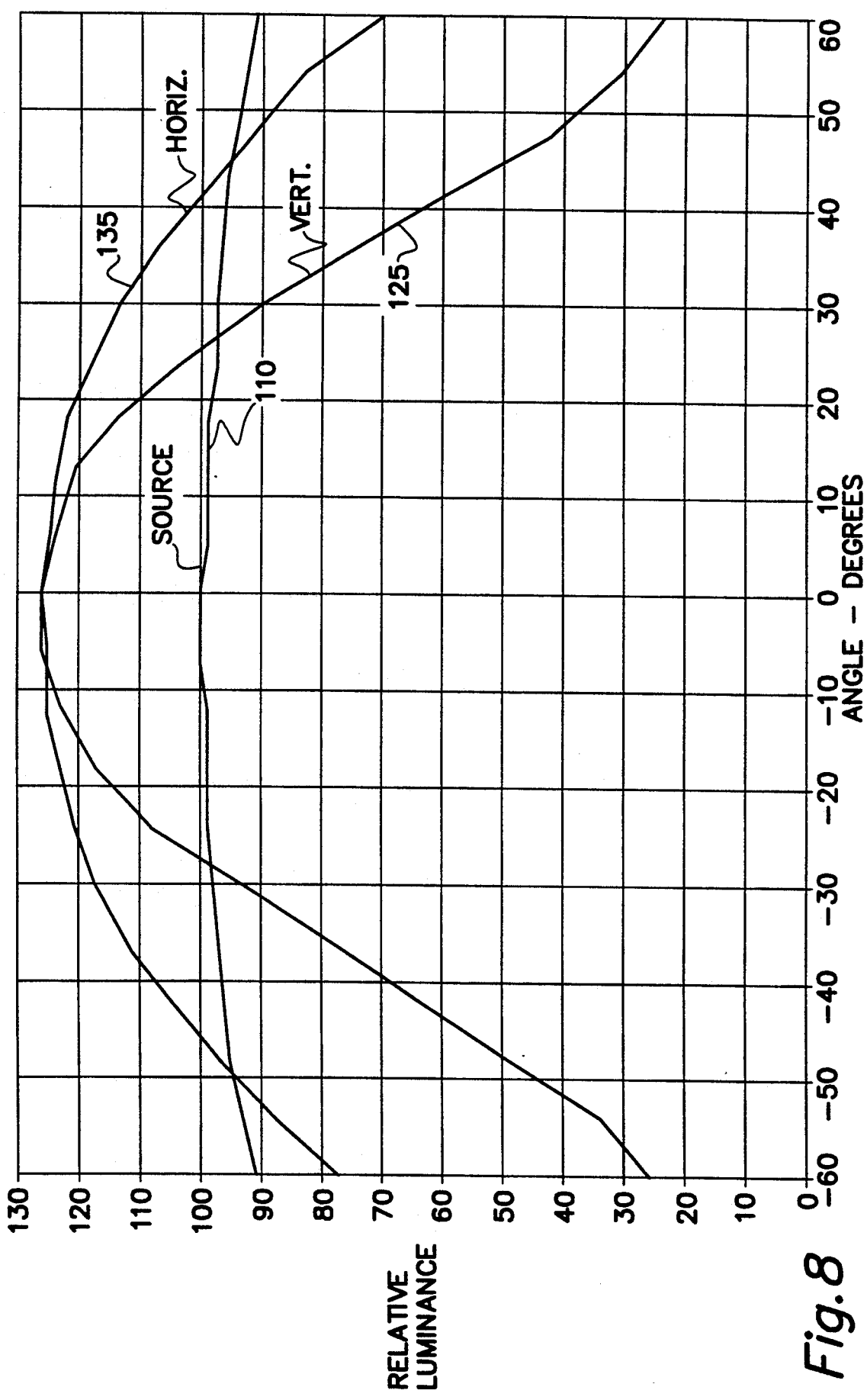


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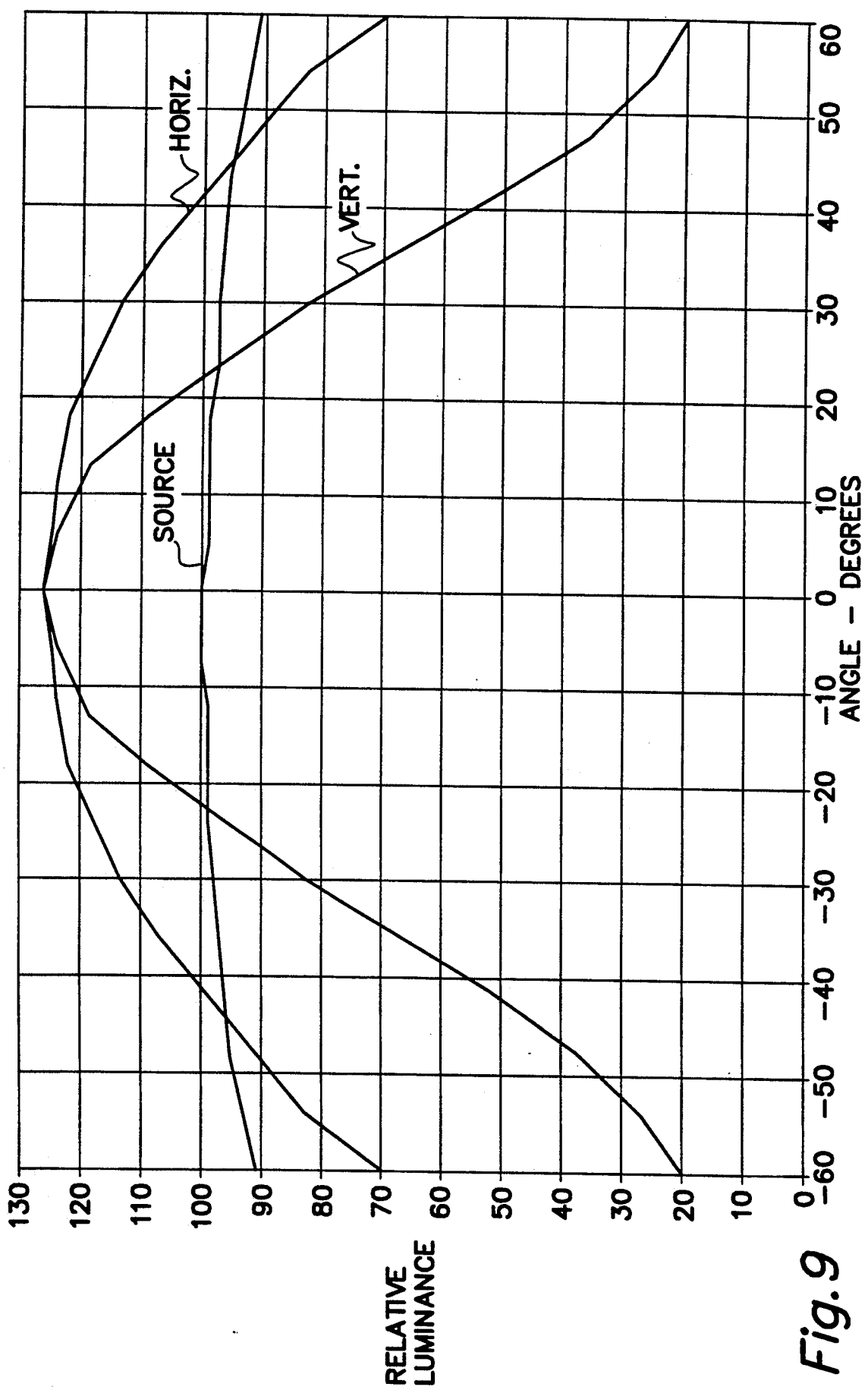


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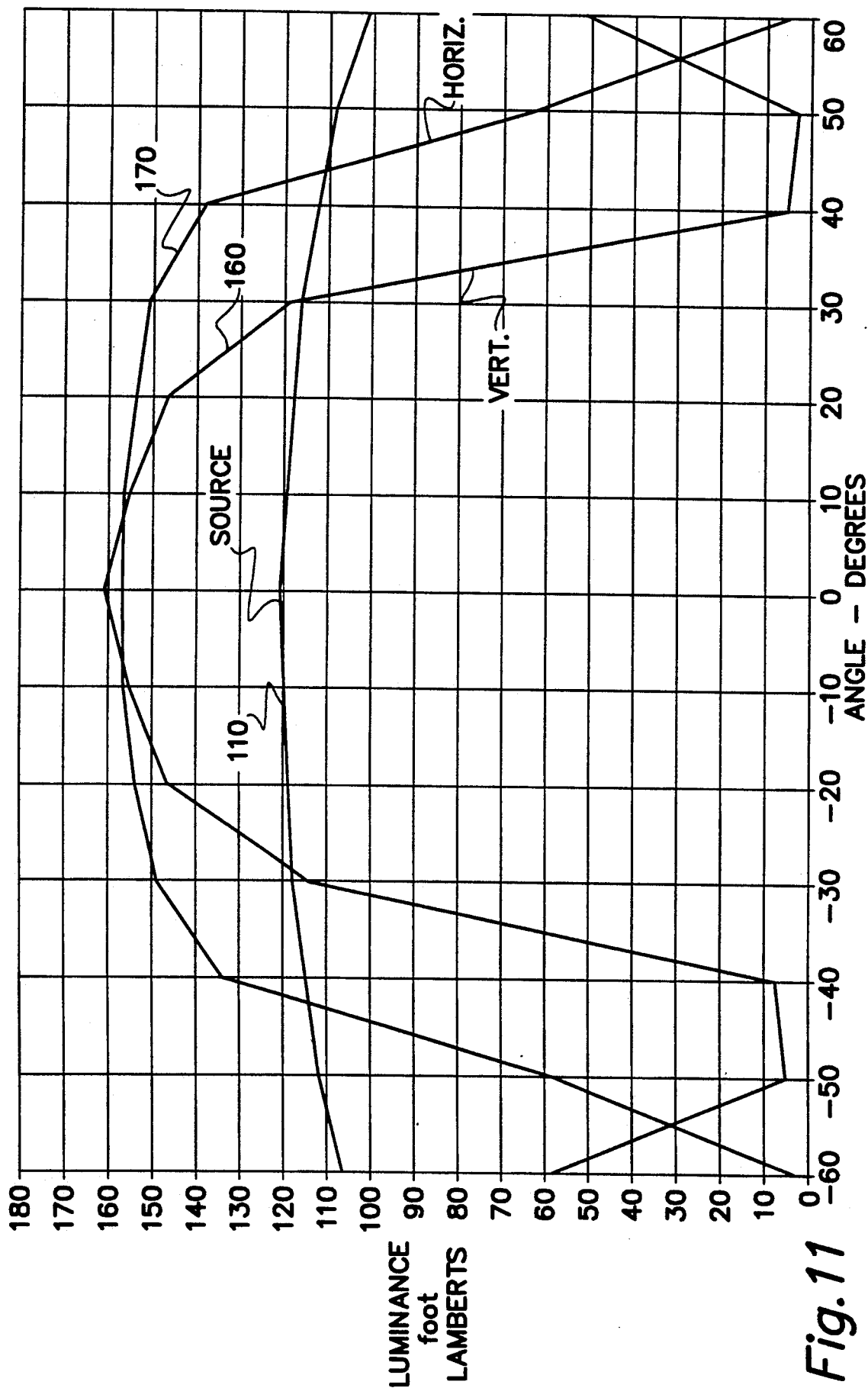


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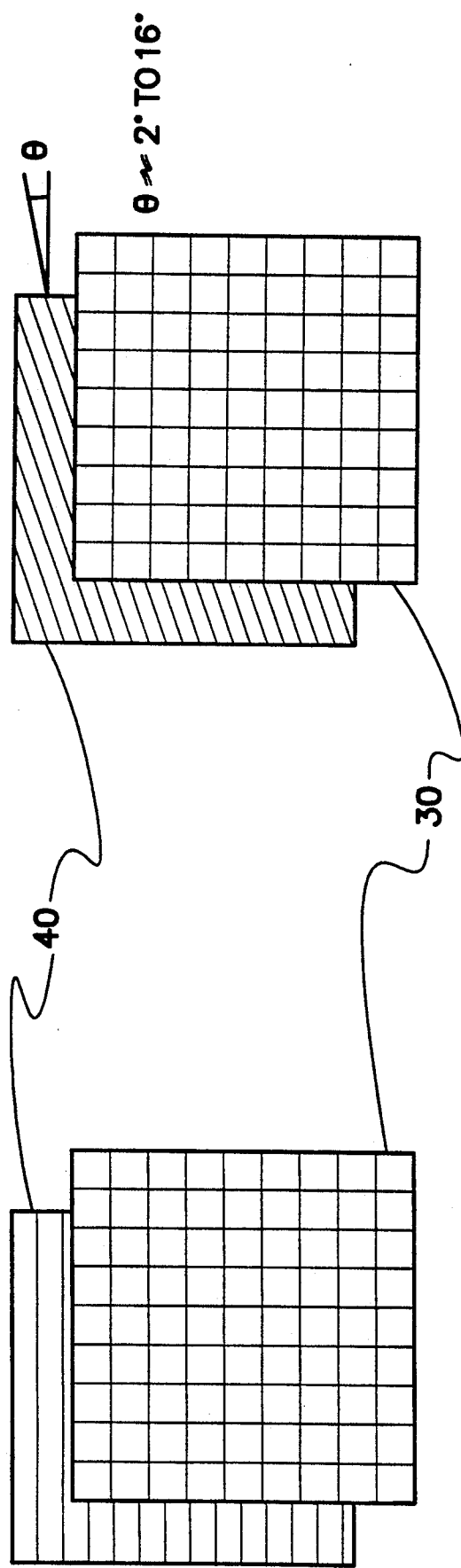


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DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates in general to flat panel liquid crystal displays and, more particularly, to a liquid crystal display (LCD) having a directional diffuser to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle.

There are commercially available liquid crystal displays for use in various applications, including for example aircraft cockpit displays. However, a typical characteristic of the liquid crystal panel used therein is a wide variation of the light transmission of the liquid crystal panel with viewing angle, especially the vertical viewing angle. This results in gray-scale errors and off-state errors with viewing angle. That is to say, the brightness of certain areas of the display when viewed at angles above or below a vertical viewing angle normal to the display surface, may be substantially different than the brightness of those areas when viewed at an angle normal to the display surface. This variation of brightness or luminance with viewing angle is generally undesirable and particularly undesirable in those cases where the information being displayed on the liquid crystal display is critical to an operation such as controlling or navigating an aircraft.

In addition, a typical diffuser used to provide a light source for backlighting a typical liquid crystal display ordinarily provides a constant luminance with viewing angle and therefore provides the same amount of energy for any given viewing angle of the display. In certain applications, such as for example an aircraft cockpit, the typical vertical viewing angle is fixed within a relatively narrow range and it would therefore be desirable to concentrate a higher percentage of the energy from the light source within a particular range of viewing angles.

It would therefore be desirable to provide a directional diffuser for use with a liquid crystal display to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle while also providing a concentration of the light energy from the light source within a predetermined range of viewing angles.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a directional diffuser element for a liquid crystal display to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a liquid crystal display having less variation of intermediate gray-level luminance with viewing angle.

It is still further an object of the present invention to provide a liquid crystal display combining the above features to provide a higher concentration of light energy, and therefore increased luminance, within a particular range of viewing angles thereby providing a more efficient use of light energy available from a light source.

The foregoing and other objects are achieved in the present invention wherein there is provided a liquid crystal display apparatus comprising a light source, a liquid crystal planar array of pixels for creating an image by controlling the amount of light allowed to pass through each of the pixels, and one or more directional diffuser lens arrays disposed between the light

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source and the liquid crystal array for providing a tailored variation of luminance from the liquid crystal display as a function of vertical viewing angle.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above mentioned and other features and objects of the present invention and the manner of attaining them will become more apparent and the invention itself will be best understood by reference to the following description of alternative embodiments of the invention taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is an exploded view of a typical prior art backlit liquid crystal display;

FIG. 2 is an exploded view of the liquid crystal display of the present invention, having a directional diffuser lens array;

FIG. 3 illustrates a typical prior art LCD gray-level response showing the variation of luminance with vertical viewing angle;

FIGS. 4A and 4B show cross sectional side and top views of a typical assembly including the lens array of the present invention;

FIG. 5 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle- for a light source alone and a light source combined with a single lens array;

FIG. 6 illustrates the path of various light rays when striking the lens array at various angles;

FIG. 7 is a cross sectional view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention with two lens arrays;

FIG. 8 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the dual lens array configuration;

FIG. 9 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for a triple lens array configuration;

FIG. 10 is a cross sectional view of a configuration utilizing a triangular shaped lens array;

FIG. 11 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the triangular shaped lens array; and

FIG. 12 shows the angular rotation of the lens array with respect to the LCD matrix array to eliminate residual moire effects.

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now to FIG. 1 there is shown a cross section of a typical prior art liquid crystal display apparatus including backlight array 25 comprising lamp 10, rear reflecting surface 15 and lambertian diffuser 20. The backlight array provides a source of light which impinges on liquid crystal panel 30 comprised of a number of individual liquid crystal elements which are alternately energized in order to form a desired pattern or image for viewing from the front of the liquid crystal display.

While this typical prior art liquid crystal panel may be adequate for certain applications where the normal viewing angle is more or less at an angle normal to the display surface, this display is not optimum for applications wherein the typical viewing angle is other than at an angle normal to the display surface. This prior art display exhibits a relatively wide variation of light transmission with viewing angle, especially the vertical viewing angle. As illustrated in FIG. 3 this variation also changes with the level of lumination for various gray-levels or intermediate intensities for a given display.

As can be seen in the curves of FIG. 3, the luminance emitted from the lower gray-levels of the LCD system increases significantly with increasing vertical viewing angle. This variation presents an undesirably large luminance increase with angle when the information being presented is low-level luminance information, such as for avionics applications including weather radar or attitude director indicator presentations. As a pilot viewing the display moves his vertical perspective, or his viewing angle, higher above a normal angle to the display (larger vertical viewing angles), he observes a low luminance field increase significantly in luminance, thereby causing confusion in interpretation of critical display information.

In addition, the lambertian diffuser of the typical prior art display, element 20 of FIG. 1, provides for a nearly equal luminance in all angular viewing directions. In most applications a 180° field of view in both horizontal and vertical directions is not required. It would therefore be more energy efficient if a substantial portion of the light energy could be redirected so as to be concentrated in the viewing angles of interest for a particular application.

The apparatus of the present invention includes the backlight array and liquid crystal of the prior art as shown in FIG. 1 with the addition of a lens array 40 inserted between the lambertian diffuser 20 of the prior art and liquid crystal display panel 30, as shown in FIG. 2. It was found that by inserting a directional diffuser consisting of a cylindrical lens array 40 between the lambertian diffuser and the liquid crystal panel that both of the desired effects could be accomplished. That is, the overall light energy is concentrated within a desired range of viewing angles and the variation of luminance with viewing angle is tailored to offset that which is obtained through the liquid crystal display alone.

For example, FIG. 5 illustrates that with the insertion of lens array 40 as shown in FIGS. 4A and 4B, the overall luminance has increased approximately 20 percent within a range from -20° to +20° viewing angle and the desired decrease in luminance with increased vertical viewing angle is obtained between approximately +10° and +35° of vertical viewing angle. Curve 110 of FIG. 5 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the lambertian light source only, in both the horizontal and vertical angles while curves 120 and 130 respectively represent a variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angles for the backlight including lens array 40.

The effect which results from the insertion of the cylindrical lens array is explained by reference to FIG. 6 wherein there are shown light rays from the lambertian (having uniform luminance with angle) source diffuser impinging on the lens array from various angles. An air gap must be present at the interface of the lambertian diffuser and the lens array. The normal 4 percent loss per surface due to fresnel reflections is not incurred, because the surface reflections are returned to the diffuser and reflected again.

Those rays that are normal to the source diffuser but less than the critical angle within the lens array are passed through the lens array materially unobstructed, except for a small amount of surface reflection. Rays which enter at oblique angles and are greater than the critical angle of the lens array undergo total internal reflection at the inside of the lens surface as illustrated by ray tracing 70. These rays are reflected with no loss due to the total internal reflection effect around the lens

periphery. They exit the rear of the lens array and return to the source diffuser where they undergo a secondary diffuse reflection from the source diffuser.

However, because the source diffuser is not totally reflective, some of the returned rays are transmitted through the diffuser and are then reflected from the backlight enclosure surface 15 of FIG. 4A. Some fraction of these rays are reflected internally to exit the diffuser again. These reflected rays again have a lambertian distribution at the surface of lambertian diffuser 20. It is apparent from this interaction between the lens array and the backlight that rays which impinge close to the normal tend to be intensified while those rays which impinge at oblique angles undergo total internal reflection and are returned to the diffuser and diminished somewhat from this statistical process.

However, the roll off or variation with vertical viewing angle for this single directional diffuser cylindrical lens array was not sufficient to offset the effects of the liquid crystal display, and there were significant moire patterns caused by the interference between the lens array and the display panel wherein the lens array contained 142 lenses per inch and the display panel matrix had a spatial frequency resolution of 172 dots or pixels per inch.

For the desired specific implementation it was discovered that the adverse interaction producing moire patterns could be eliminated by including a second lens array with a different number of lenses per inch. The combination of the dual lenses increased the desired reduction in luminance with increased viewing angle, and in addition reduced or eliminated the moire patterns with the selection of an appropriate pitch, or number of lenses per inch, for the two lenses in question.

As illustrated in FIG. 7, one of the lens arrays 42 was selected to have a relatively coarse pitch with respect to that of the liquid crystal display and the second lens array 44 was selected to have a relatively fine pitch with respect to that of liquid crystal display. FIG. 8 illustrates again the relatively flat response of the lambertian source diffuser alone curve 110, and the increased roll off with vertical viewing angle of curve 125 as well as the corresponding variation of luminance with horizontal viewing angle as illustrated by curve 135 for the dual lens array of FIG. 8.

In general it was discovered that the addition of additional lens arrays caused a steeper or more rapid variation of the change in luminance with vertical viewing angle, which was desirable, but the corresponding change in luminance with variations in horizontal viewing angle also became steeper, which was not desirable for the particular application in question. For the particular application in question the preferred embodiment included two lens arrays in series which provided the best tradeoff of decrease in luminance with variation of vertical viewing angle, while not adversely affecting the variation in luminance with horizontal viewing angle.

In addition, since moire effects result when both of the lens arrays have the same spatial frequency, the rear array 42 should have a coarse resolution or low spatial frequency while the front lens array 44 should have a fine resolution or high spatial frequency. The lens arrays and the panel spatial frequencies should be selected to avoid integral multiples of the other. Thus the fine lens array should be as high a spatial frequency as is practical and should be a non integral multiple of the panel frequency. According to these guidelines the fine

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array frequency becomes approximately 2.5 times the display spatial frequency and the coarse array frequency should be approximately the fine array frequency divided by 3.5, 4.5, 5.5 or as required for the most convenient fabrication.

It was also discovered that the maximum increase in luminance was obtained using a triangular lens array having an included angle of 90° as illustrated in FIG. 10. This configuration resulted in a variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angles which was quite steep as illustrated by curves 160 and 170 of FIG. 11. Other lens array shapes may be selected as desired to obtain the required concentration of luminance and variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angle for a particular application.

Even though the spatial frequencies of the directional diffuser lens array and LCD panel have been selected to be greatly different and non-integer multiples, some visual banding effects or moire pattern effects may still be apparent to the viewer. This is especially true at off-axis viewing conditions. This residual moire can be removed by rotating the lens array 40 with the respect to the LCD array 30, as illustrated in FIG. 12. This rotation of the lens array by a few degrees (Typically 2 to 16 degrees) from the horizontal axis causes a small change in the effective spatial frequency difference of the two arrays and thereby eliminates the residual moire.

In addition to the angular redistribution of the light from the directional diffuser, the lens array also provides an additional diffusing effect, especially for any step variations in luminance that are parallel to (or nearly parallel to within a few degrees) the axis of the lens array. This allows the reduction of the thickness or optical density of the conventional diffuser while still achieving the same system luminance uniformity and masking of undesired spatial artifacts from the light source, but with higher luminance at the output.

While there have been described above the principals of invention in conjunction with several specific embodiments, it is to be clearly understood that these descriptions are made only by way of example and not as a limitation to the scope of the invention.

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We claim:

1. A display apparatus comprising:

a light source;

a liquid crystal panel mounted adjacent to said light source for receiving light from said light source; and

first and second lens arrays, each having a plurality of individual lenslets, disposed between said light source and said liquid crystal panel for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said lens arrays and said liquid crystal panel, wherein said liquid crystal panel comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in rows and columns, and wherein the number of rows of pixels per unit height, or pitch, of the liquid crystal panel is a first value; the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said first lens array is a second value which is less than said first value; and the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said second lens array is a third value which is greater than said first value.

2. A display apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein said third value is a non-integral multiple of said first value and is also a non-integral multiple of said second value.

3. A display apparatus comprising:

a light source;

a liquid crystal panel mounted adjacent to said light source for receiving light from said light source; and

first and second lens arrays, each having a plurality of individual lenslets, disposed between said light source and said liquid crystal panel for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said lens arrays and said liquid crystal panel, wherein at least one of said first and second lens arrays is rotated about an axis perpendicular to said liquid crystal panel in order to provide a slight misalignment between said lenslets and said liquid crystal panel.

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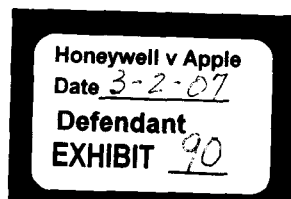
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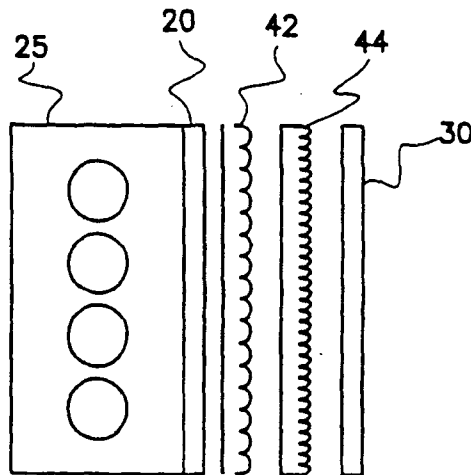
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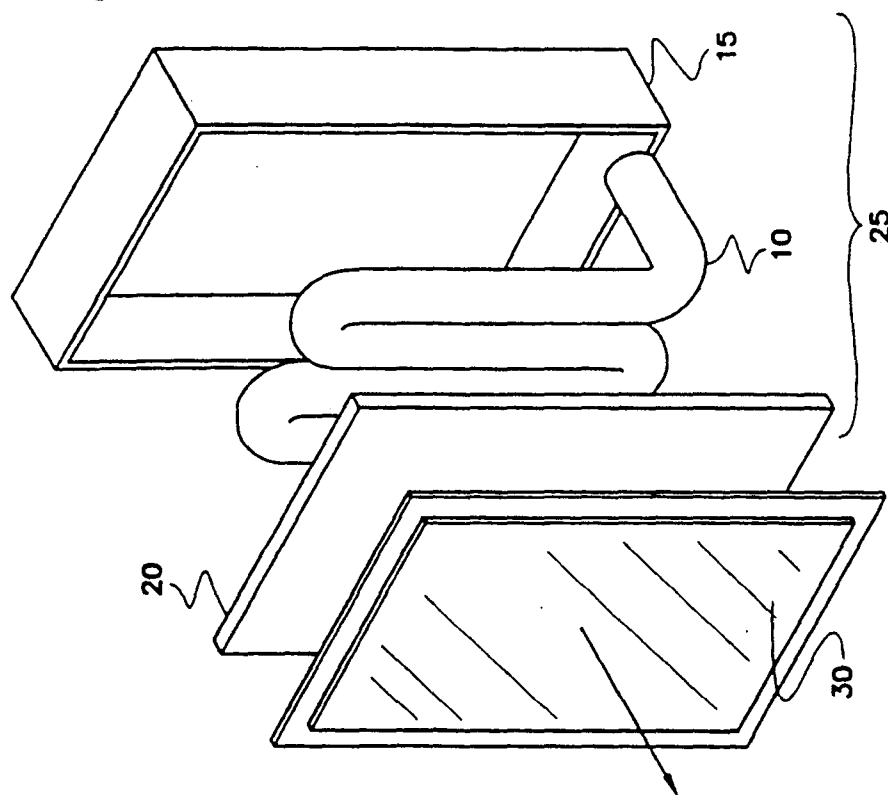
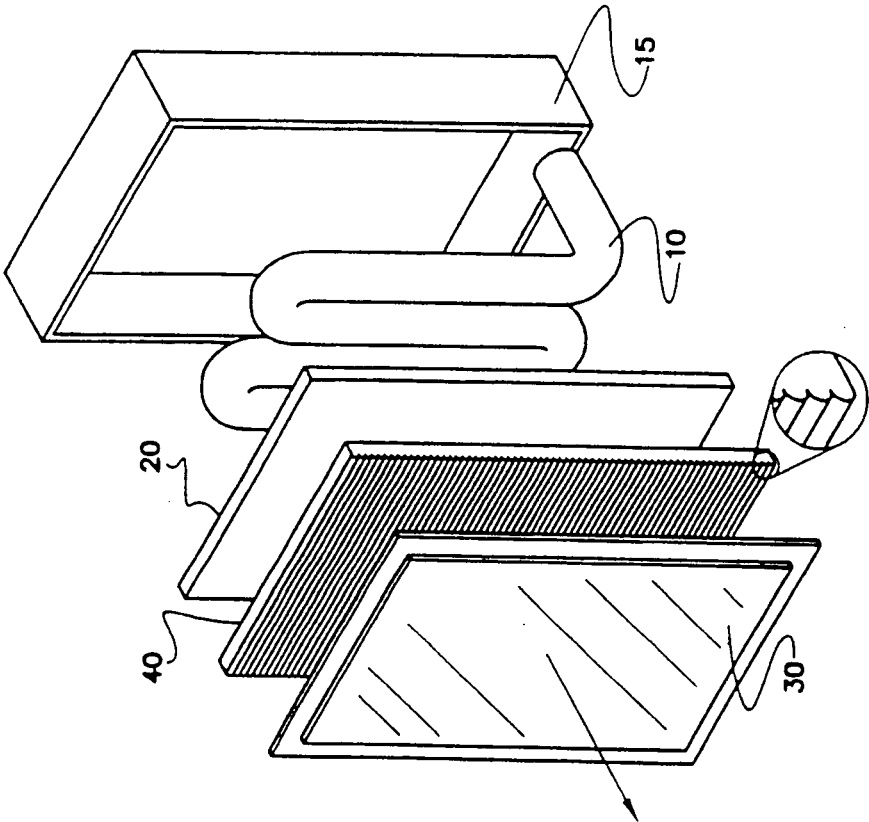


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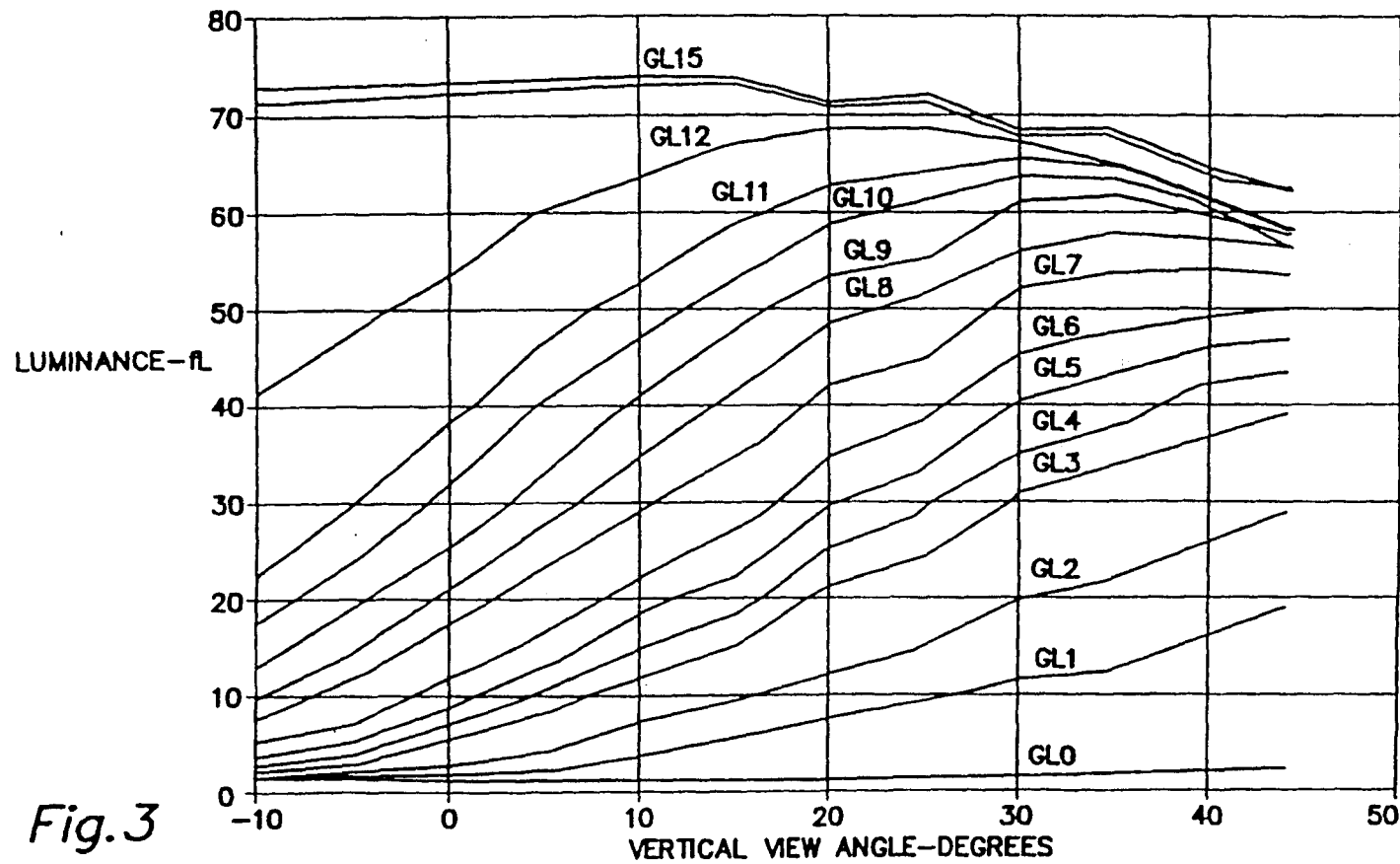


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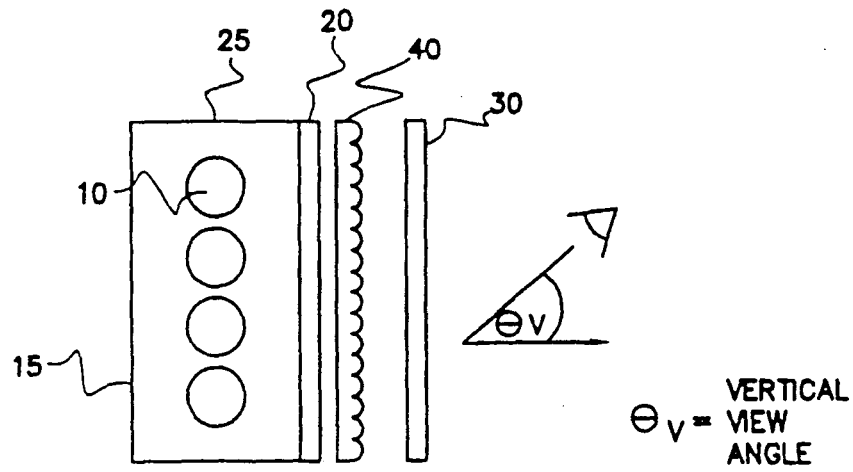


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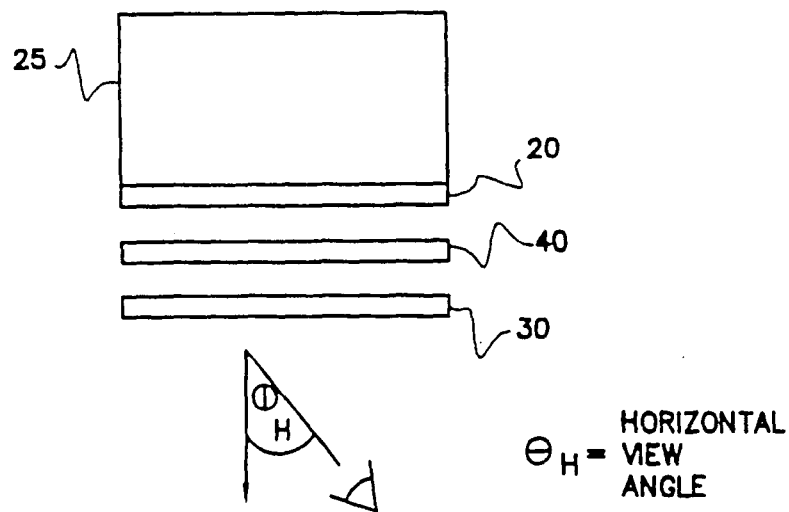


Fig. 4B

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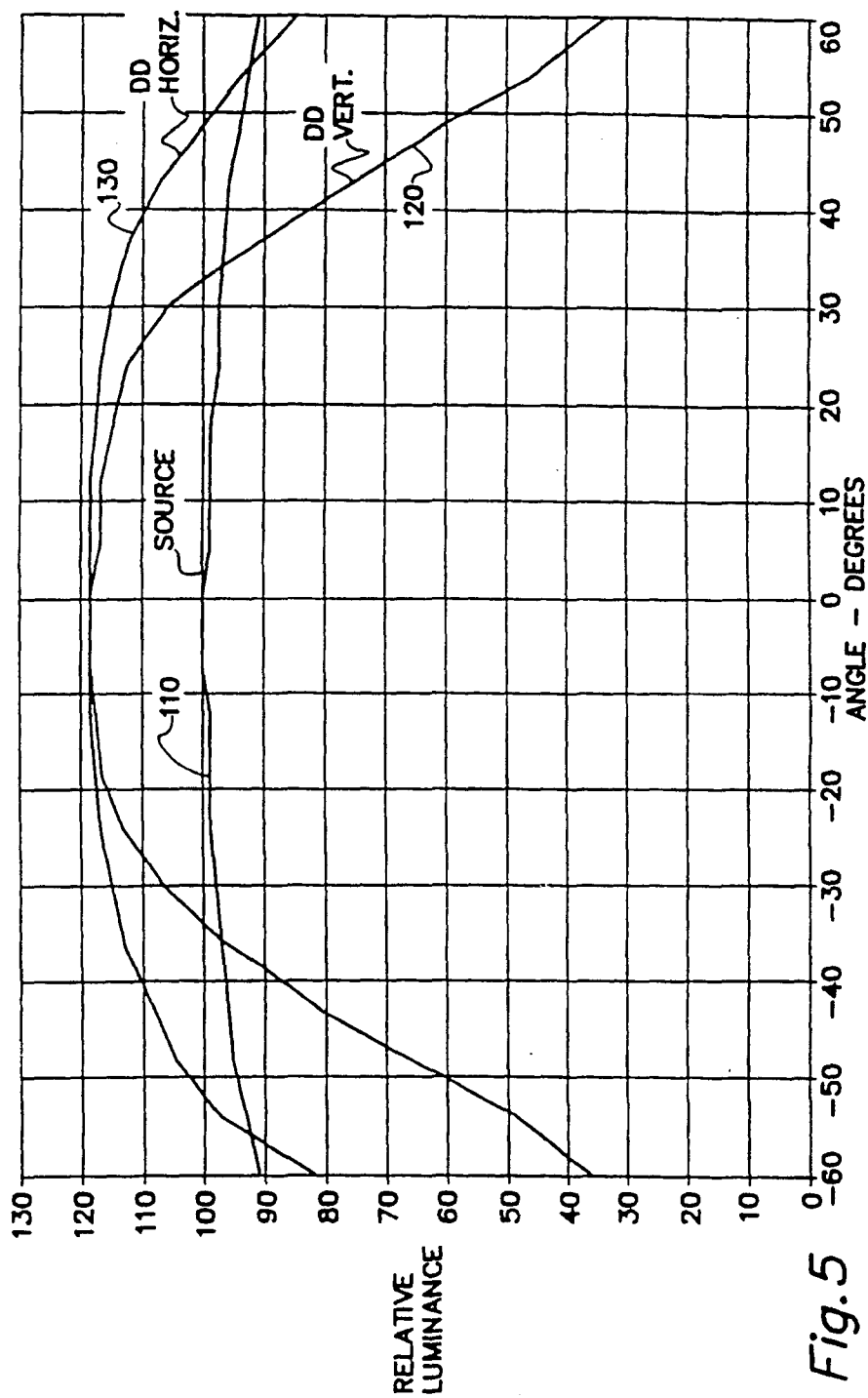


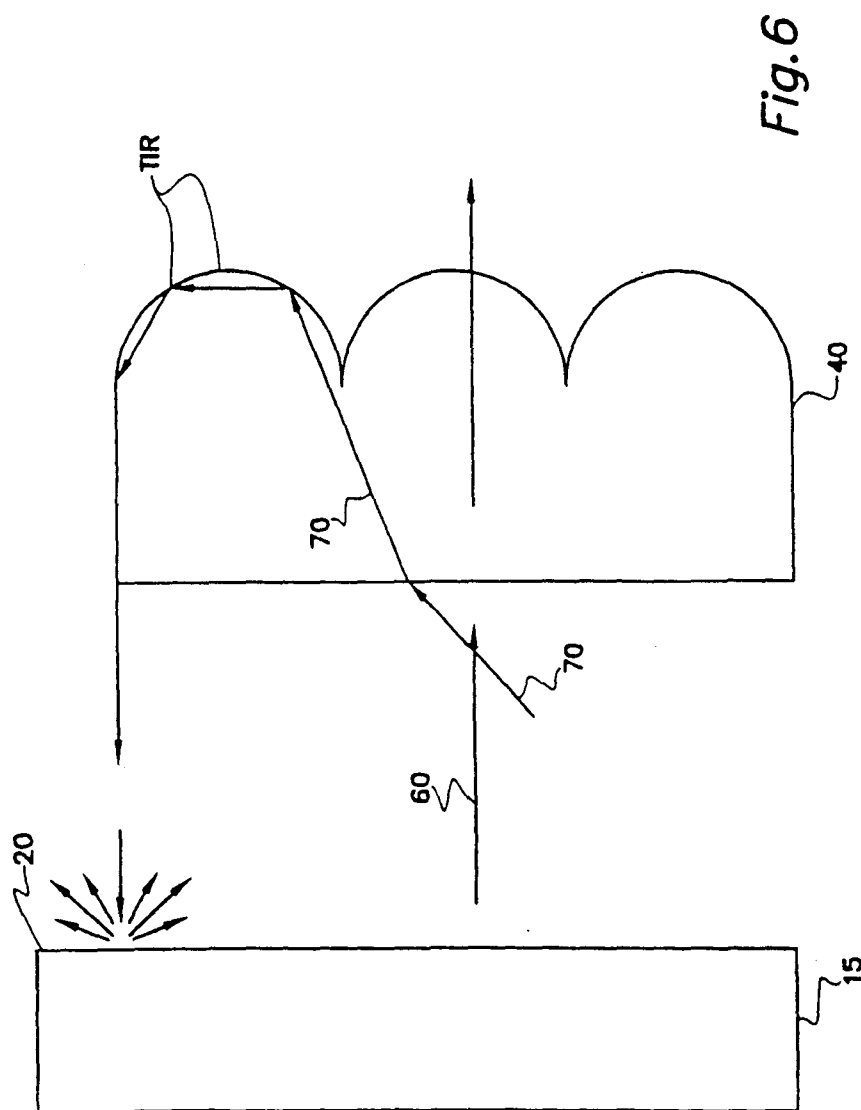
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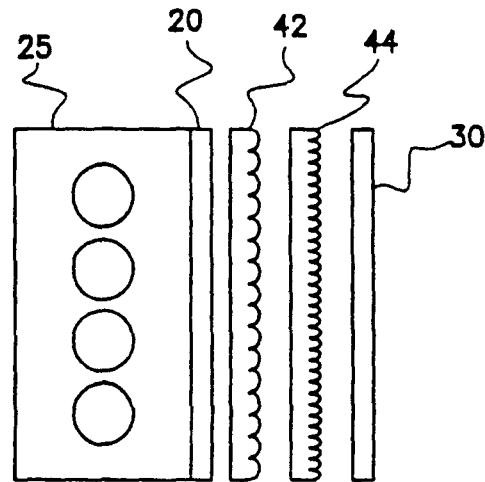


Fig. 7

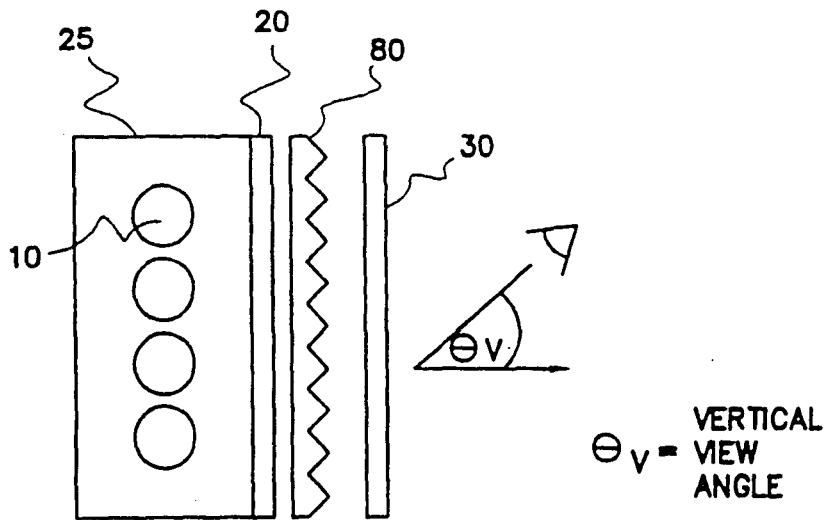


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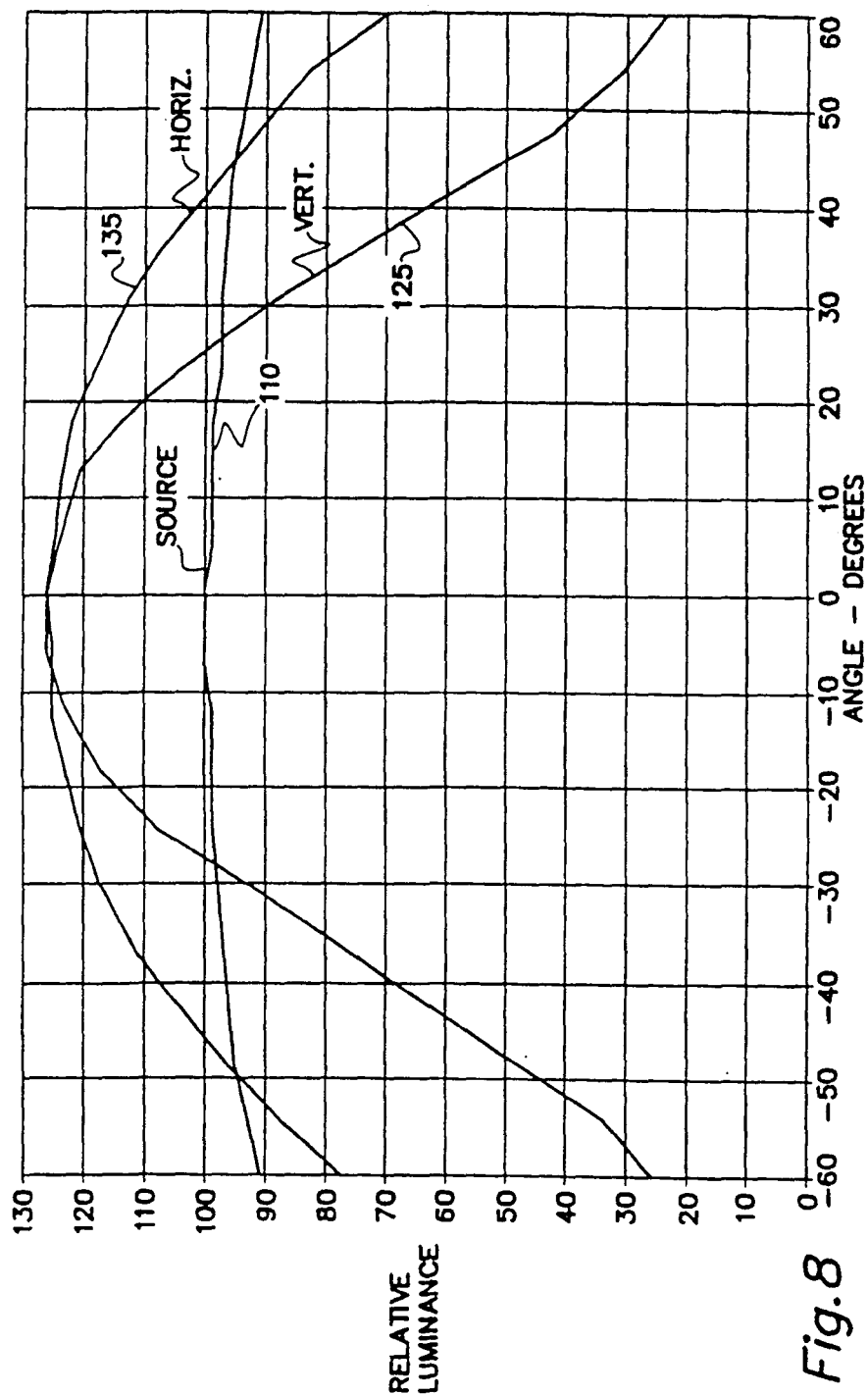


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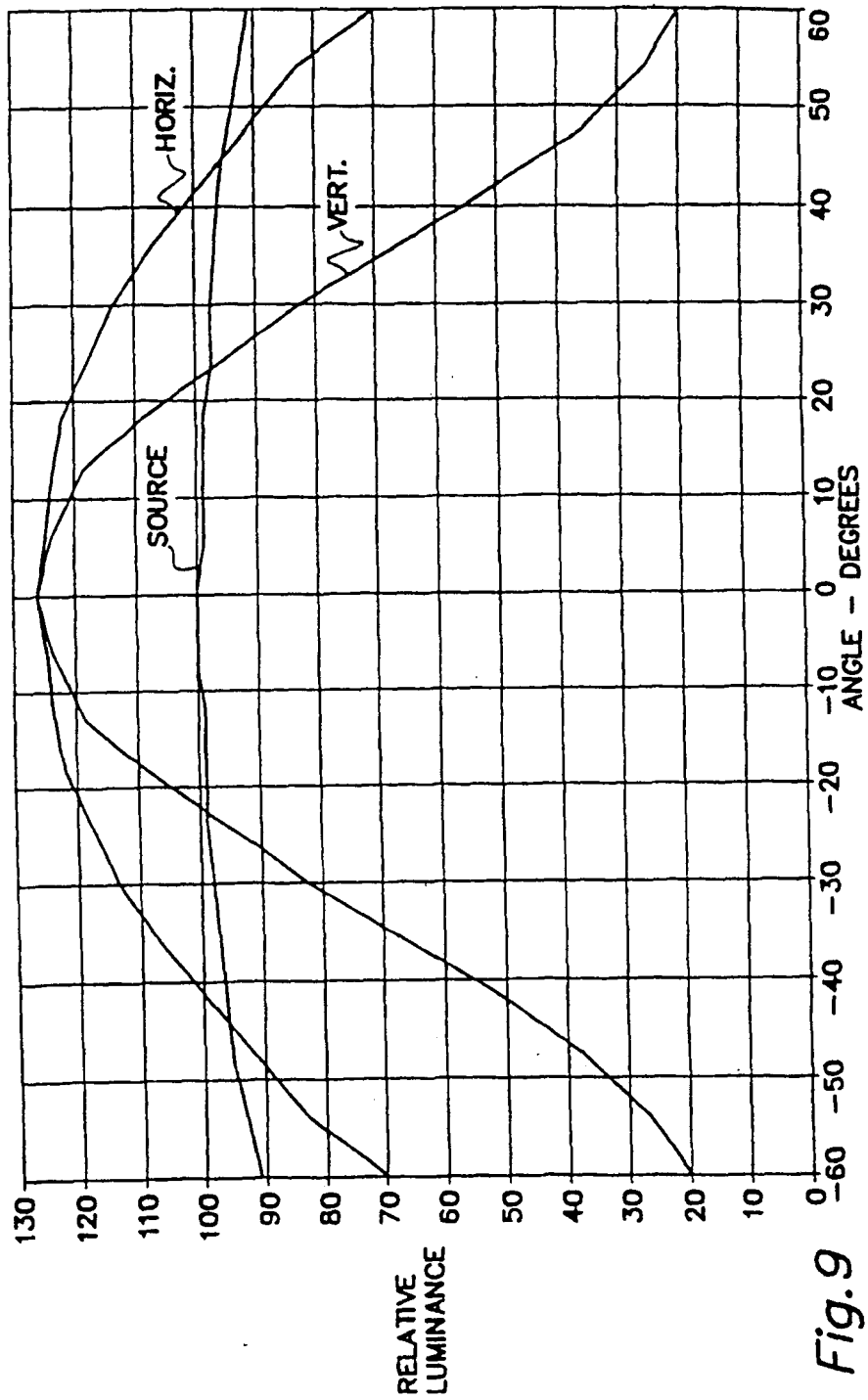


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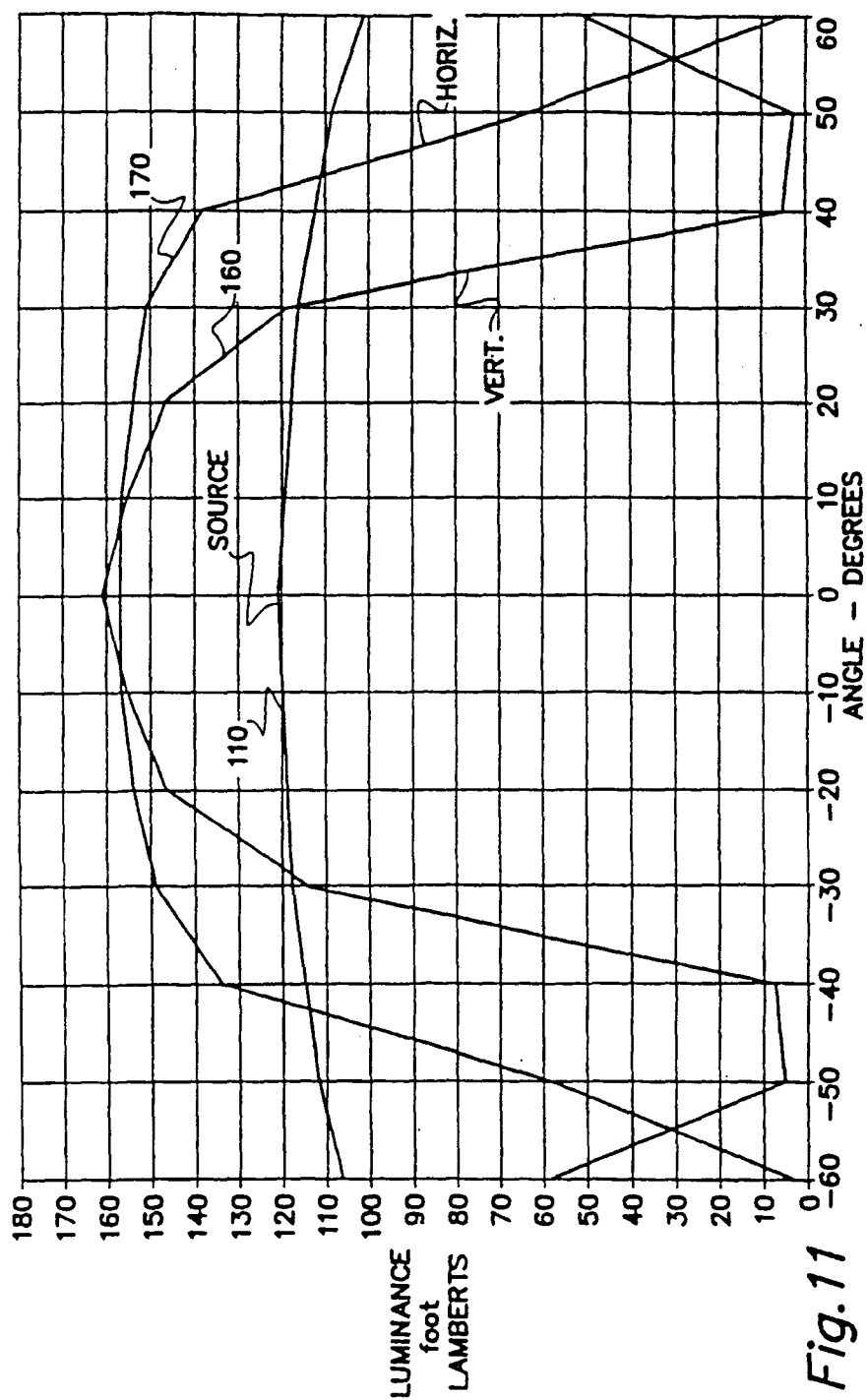


Fig. 11

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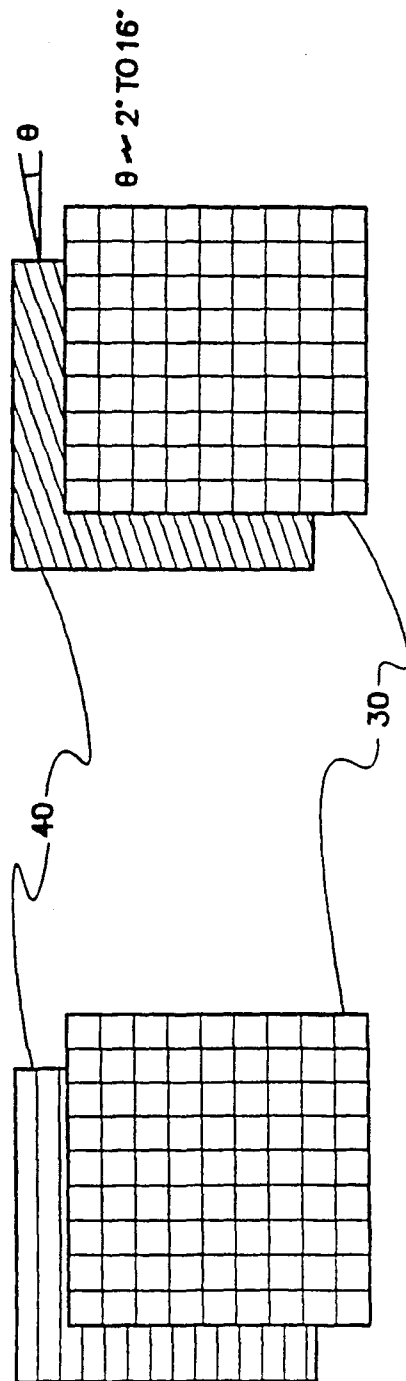


Fig. 12

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DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates in general to flat panel liquid crystal displays and, more particularly, to a liquid crystal display (LCD) having a directional diffuser to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle.

There are commercially available liquid crystal displays for use in various applications, including for example aircraft cockpit displays. However, a typical characteristic of the liquid crystal panel used therein is a wide variation of the light transmission of the liquid crystal panel with viewing angle, especially the vertical viewing angle. This results in gray-scale errors and off-state errors with viewing angle. That is to say, the brightness of certain areas of the display when viewed at angles above or below a vertical viewing angle normal to the display surface, may be substantially different than the brightness of those areas when viewed at an angle normal to the display surface. This variation of brightness or luminance with viewing angle is generally undesirable and particularly undesirable in those cases where the information being displayed on the liquid crystal display is critical to an operation such as controlling or navigating an aircraft.

In addition, a typical diffuser used to provide a light source for backlighting a typical liquid crystal display ordinarily provides a constant luminance with viewing angle and therefore provides the same amount of energy for any given viewing angle of the display. In certain applications, such as for example an aircraft cockpit, the typical vertical viewing angle is fixed within a relatively narrow range and it would therefore be desirable to concentrate a higher percentage of the energy from the light source within a particular range of viewing angles.

It would therefore be desirable to provide a directional diffuser for use with a liquid crystal display to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle while also providing a concentration of the light energy from the light source within a predetermined range of viewing angles.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a directional diffuser element for a liquid crystal display to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a liquid crystal display having less variation of intermediate gray-level luminance with viewing angle.

It is still further an object of the present invention to provide a liquid crystal display combining the above features to provide a higher concentration of light energy, and therefore increased luminance, within a particular range of viewing angles thereby providing a more efficient use of light energy available from a light source.

The foregoing and other objects are achieved in the present invention wherein there is provided a liquid crystal display apparatus comprising a light source, a liquid crystal planar array of pixels for creating an image by controlling the amount of light allowed to pass through each of the pixels, and one or more directional diffuser lens arrays disposed between the light

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source and the liquid crystal array for providing a tailored variation of luminance from the liquid crystal display as a function of vertical viewing angle.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above mentioned and other features and objects of the present invention and the manner of attaining them will become more apparent and the invention itself will be best understood by reference to the following description of alternative embodiments of the invention taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is an exploded view of a typical prior art backlit liquid crystal display;

FIG. 2 is an exploded view of the liquid crystal display of the present invention, having a directional diffuser lens array;

FIG. 3 illustrates a typical prior art LCD gray-level response showing the variation of luminance with vertical viewing angle;

FIGS. 4A and 4B show cross sectional side and top views of a typical assembly including the lens array of the present invention;

FIG. 5 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for a light source alone and a light source combined with a single lens array;

FIG. 6 illustrates the path of various light rays when striking the lens array at various angles;

FIG. 7 is a cross sectional view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention with two lens arrays;

FIG. 8 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the dual lens array configuration;

FIG. 9 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for a triple lens array configuration;

FIG. 10 is a cross sectional view of a configuration utilizing a triangular shaped lens array;

FIG. 11 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the triangular shaped lens array; and

FIG. 12 shows the angular rotation of the lens array with respect to the LCD matrix array to eliminate residual moire effects.

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now to FIG. 1 there is shown a cross section of a typical prior art liquid crystal display apparatus including backlight array 25 comprising lamp 10, rear reflecting surface 15 and lambertian diffuser 20. The backlight array provides a source of light which impinges on liquid crystal panel 30 comprised of a number of individual liquid crystal elements which are alternately energized in order to form a desired pattern or image for viewing from the front of the liquid crystal display.

While this typical prior art liquid crystal panel may be adequate for certain applications where the normal viewing angle is more or less at an angle normal to the display surface, this display is not optimum for applications wherein the typical viewing angle is other than at an angle normal to the display surface. This prior art display exhibits a relatively wide variation of light transmission with viewing angle, especially the vertical viewing angle. As illustrated in FIG. 3 this variation also changes with the level of luminance for various gray-levels or intermediate intensities for a given display.

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3 As can be seen in the curves of FIG. 3, the luminance emitted from the lower gray-levels of the LCD system increases significantly with increasing vertical viewing angle. This variation presents an undesirably large luminance increase with angle when the information being presented is low-level luminance information, such as for avionics applications including weather radar or attitude director indicator presentations. As a pilot viewing the display moves his vertical perspective, or his viewing angle, higher above a normal angle to the display (larger vertical viewing angles), he observes a low luminance field increase significantly in luminance, thereby causing confusion in interpretation of critical display information.

In addition, the lambertian diffuser of the typical prior art display, element 20 of FIG. 1, provides for a nearly equal luminance in all angular viewing directions. In most applications a 180° field of view in both horizontal and vertical directions is not required. It would therefore be more energy efficient if a substantial portion of the light energy could be redirected so as to be concentrated in the viewing angles of interest for a particular application.

The apparatus of the present invention includes the backlight array and liquid crystal of the prior art as shown in FIG. 1 with the addition of a lens array 40 inserted between the lambertian diffuser 20 of the prior art and liquid crystal display panel 30, as shown in FIG. 2. It was found that by inserting a directional diffuser consisting of a cylindrical lens array 40 between the lambertian diffuser and the liquid crystal panel that both of the desired effects could be accomplished. That is, the overall light energy is concentrated within a desired range of viewing angles and the variation of luminance with viewing angle is tailored to offset that which is obtained through the liquid crystal display alone.

For example, FIG. 5 illustrates that with the insertion of lens array 40 as shown in FIGS. 4A and 4B, the overall luminance has increased approximately 20 percent within a range from -20° to +20° viewing angle and the desired decrease in luminance with increased vertical viewing angle is obtained between approximately +10° and +35° of vertical viewing angle. Curve 110 of FIG. 5 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the lambertian light source only, in both the horizontal and vertical angles while curves 120 and 130 respectively represent a variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angles for the backlight including lens array 40.

The effect which results from the insertion of the cylindrical lens array is explained by reference to FIG. 6 wherein there are shown light rays from the lambertian (having uniform luminance with angle) source diffuser impinging on the lens array from various angles. An air gap must be present at the interface of the lambertian diffuser and the lens array. The normal 4 percent loss per surface due to fresnel reflections is not incurred, because the surface reflections are returned to the diffuser and reflected again.

Those rays that are normal to the source diffuser but less than the critical angle within the lens array are passed through the lens array materially unobstructed, except for a small amount of surface reflection. Rays which enter at oblique angles and are greater than the critical angle of the lens array undergo total internal reflection at the inside of the lens surface as illustrated by ray tracing 70. These rays are reflected with no loss due to the total internal reflection effect around the lens

periphery. They exit the rear of the lens array and return to the source diffuser where they undergo a secondary diffuse reflection from the source diffuser.

However, because the source diffuser is not totally reflective, some of the returned rays are transmitted through the diffuser and are then reflected from the backlight enclosure surface 15 of FIG. 4A. Some fraction of these rays are reflected internally to exit the diffuser again. These reflected rays again have a lambertian distribution at the surface of lambertian diffuser 20. It is apparent from this interaction between the lens array and the backlight that rays which impinge close to the normal tend to be intensified while those rays which impinge at oblique angles undergo total internal reflection and are returned to the diffuser and diminished somewhat from this statistical process.

However, the roll off or variation with vertical viewing angle for this single directional diffuser cylindrical lens array was not sufficient to offset the effects of the liquid crystal display, and there were significant moire patterns caused by the interference between the lens array and the display panel wherein the lens array contained 142 lenses per inch and the display panel matrix had a spatial frequency resolution of 172 dots or pixels per inch.

For the desired specific implementation it was discovered that the adverse interaction producing moire patterns could be eliminated by including a second lens array with a different number of lenses per inch. The combination of the dual lenses increased the desired reduction in luminance with increased viewing angle, and in addition reduced or eliminated the moire patterns with the selection of an appropriate pitch, or number of lenses per inch, for the two lenses in question.

As illustrated in FIG. 7, one of the lens arrays 42 was selected to have a relatively coarse pitch with respect to that of the liquid crystal display and the second lens array 44 was selected to have a relatively fine pitch with respect to that of liquid crystal display. FIG. 8 illustrates again the relatively flat response of the lambertian source diffuser alone curve 110, and the increased roll off with vertical viewing angle of curve 125 as well as the corresponding variation of luminance with horizontal viewing angle as illustrated by curve 135 for the dual lens array of FIG. 8.

In general it was discovered that the addition of additional lens arrays caused a steeper or more rapid variation of the change in luminance with vertical viewing angle, which was desirable, but the corresponding change in luminance with variations in horizontal viewing angle also became steeper, which was not desirable for the particular application in question. For the particular application in question the preferred embodiment included two lens arrays in series which provided the best tradeoff of decrease in luminance with variation of vertical viewing angle, while not adversely affecting the variation in luminance with horizontal viewing angle.

In addition, since moire effects result when both of the lens arrays have the same spatial frequency, the rear array 42 should have a coarse resolution or low spatial frequency while the front lens array 44 should have a fine resolution or high spatial frequency. The lens arrays and the panel spatial frequencies should be selected to avoid integral multiples of the other. Thus the fine lens array should be as high a spatial frequency as is practical and should be a non integral multiple of the panel frequency. According to these guidelines the fine

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array frequency becomes approximately 2.5 times the display spatial frequency and the coarse array frequency should be approximately the fine array frequency divided by 3.5, 4.5, 5.5 or as required for the most convenient fabrication.

It was also discovered that the maximum increase in luminance was obtained using a triangular lens array having an included angle of 90° as illustrated in FIG. 10. This configuration resulted in a variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angles which was quite steep as illustrated by curves 160 and 170 of FIG. 11. Other lens array shapes may be selected as desired to obtain the required concentration of luminance and variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angle for a particular application.

Even though the spatial frequencies of the directional diffuser lens array and LCD panel have been selected to be greatly different and non-integer multiples, some visual banding effects or moire pattern effects may still be apparent to the viewer. This is especially true at off-axis viewing conditions. This residual moire can be removed by rotating the lens array 40 with the respect to the LCD array 30, as illustrated in FIG. 12. This rotation of the lens array by a few degrees (Typically 2 to 16 degrees) from the horizontal axis causes a small change in the effective spatial frequency difference of the two arrays and thereby eliminates the residual moire.

In addition to the angular redistribution of the light from the directional diffuser, the lens array also provides an additional diffusing effect, especially for any step variations in luminance that are parallel to (or nearly parallel to within a few degrees) the axis of the lens array. This allows the reduction of the thickness or optical density of the conventional diffuser while still achieving the same system luminance uniformity and masking of undesired spatial artifacts from the light source, but with higher luminance at the output.

While there have been described above the principals of invention in conjunction with several specific embodiments, it is to be clearly understood that these descriptions are made only by way of example and not as a limitation to the scope of the invention.

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We claim:

1. A display apparatus comprising:

a light source;

a liquid crystal panel mounted adjacent to said light source for receiving light from said light source; and

first and second lens arrays, each having a plurality of individual lenslets, disposed between said light source and said liquid crystal panel for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said lens arrays and said liquid crystal panel, wherein said liquid crystal panel comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in rows and columns, and wherein the number of rows of pixels per unit height, or pitch, of the liquid crystal panel is a first value; the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said first lens array is a second value which is less than said first value; and the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said second lens array is a third value which is greater than said first value.

2. A display apparatus in accordance with claim 1 wherein said third value is a non-integral multiple of said first value and is also a non-integral multiple of said second value.

3. A display apparatus comprising:

a light source;

a liquid crystal panel mounted adjacent to said light source for receiving light from said light source; and

first and second lens arrays, each having a plurality of individual lenslets, disposed between said light source and said liquid crystal panel for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said lens arrays and said liquid crystal panel, wherein at least one of said first and second lens arrays is rotated about an axis perpendicular to said liquid crystal panel in order to provide a slight misalignment between said lenslets and said liquid crystal panel.

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A DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates in general to flat panel liquid crystal displays and, more particularly, to a liquid crystal display (LCD) having a directional diffuser to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle.

There are commercially available liquid crystal displays for use in various applications, including for example aircraft cockpit displays. However, a typical characteristic of the liquid crystal panel used therein is a wide variation of the light transmission of the liquid crystal panel with viewing angle, especially the vertical viewing angle. This results in gray-scale errors and off-state errors with viewing angle. That is to say, the brightness of certain areas of the display when viewed at angles above or below a vertical viewing angle normal to the display surface, may be substantially different than the brightness of those areas when viewed at an angle normal to the display surface. This variation of brightness or luminance with viewing angle is generally undesirable and particularly undesirable in those cases where the information being displayed on the liquid crystal display is critical to an operation such as controlling or navigating an aircraft.

In addition, a typical diffuser used to provide a light source for backlighting a typical liquid crystal display ordinarily provides a constant luminance with viewing angle and therefore provides the same amount of energy for any given viewing angle of the display. In certain applications, such as for example an aircraft cockpit, the typical vertical viewing angle is fixed within a relatively narrow range and it would therefore be desirable to concentrate a higher percentage of the energy from the light source within a particular range of viewing angles.

It would therefore be desirable to provide a directional diffuser for use with a liquid crystal display to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle while also providing a concentration of the light energy from the light source within a predetermined range of viewing angles.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a directional diffuser element for a liquid crystal display to provide a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a liquid crystal display having less variation of intermediate gray-level luminance with viewing angle.

It is still further an object of the present invention to provide a liquid crystal display combining the above features to provide a higher concentration of light energy, and therefore increased luminance, within a particular range of viewing angles thereby providing a more efficient use of light energy available from a light source.

The foregoing and other objects are achieved in the present invention wherein there is provided a liquid crystal display apparatus comprising a light source, a liquid crystal planar array of pixels for creating an image by controlling the amount of light allowed to pass through each of the pixels, and one or more directional diffuser lens arrays disposed between the light source and the liquid crystal array for providing a tailored variation of luminance from the liquid crystal display as a function of vertical viewing angle.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The above mentioned and other features and objects of the present invention and the manner of attaining them will become more apparent and the invention itself will be best understood by reference to the following description of alternative embodiments of the invention taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings wherein:

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Figure 1 is an exploded view of a typical prior art backlit liquid crystal display;

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Figure 2 is an exploded view of the liquid crystal display of the present invention, having a directional diffuser lens array;

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Figure 3 illustrates a typical prior art LCD gray-level response showing the variation of luminance with vertical viewing angle;

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Figures 4A and 4B show cross sectional side and top views of a typical assembly including the lens array of the present invention;

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Figure 5 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for a light source alone and a light source combined with a single lens array;

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Figure 6 illustrates the path of various light rays when striking the lens array at various angles;

Figure 7 is a cross sectional view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention with two lens arrays;

Figure 8 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the dual lens array configuration;

Figure 9 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for a triple lens array configuration;

Figure 10 is a cross sectional view of a configuration utilizing a triangular shaped lens array;

Figure 11 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the triangular shaped lens array; and

Figure 12 shows the angular rotation of the lens array with respect to the LCD matrix array to eliminate residual moire effects.

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DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now to Figure 1 there is shown a cross section of a typical prior art liquid crystal display apparatus including backlight array 25 comprising lamp 10, rear reflecting surface 15 and lambertian diffuser 20. The backlight array provides a source of light which impinges on liquid crystal panel 30 comprised of a number of individual liquid crystal elements which are alternately energized in order to form a desired pattern or image for viewing from the front of the liquid crystal display.

While this typical prior art liquid crystal panel may be adequate for certain applications where the normal viewing angle is more or less at an angle normal to the display surface, this display is not optimum for applications wherein the typical viewing angle is other than at an angle normal to the display surface. This prior art display exhibits a relatively wide variation of light transmission with viewing angle, especially the vertical viewing angle. As illustrated in Figure 3, this variation also changes with the level of lumination for various gray-levels or intermediate intensities for a given display.

As can be seen in the curves of Figure 3, the luminance emitted from the lower gray-levels of the LCD system increases significantly with increasing vertical viewing angle. This variation presents an undesirably large luminance increase

with angle when the information being presented is low-level luminance information, such as for avionics applications including weather radar or attitude director indicator presentations. As a pilot viewing the display moves his vertical perspective, or his viewing angle, higher above a normal angle to the display (larger vertical viewing angles), he observes a low luminance field increase significantly in luminance, thereby causing confusion in interpretation of critical display information.

In addition, the lambertian diffuser of the typical prior art display, element 20 of Figure 1, provides for a nearly equal luminance in all angular viewing directions. In most applications a 180° field of view in both horizontal and vertical directions is not required. It would therefore be more energy efficient if a substantial portion of the light energy could be redirected so as to be concentrated in the viewing angles of interest for a particular application.

The apparatus of the present invention includes the backlight array and liquid crystal of the prior art as shown in Figure 1 with the addition of a lens array 40 inserted between the lambertian diffuser 20 of the prior art and liquid crystal display panel 30, as shown in Figure 2. It was found that by inserting a directional diffuser consisting of a cylindrical lens array 40 between the lambertian diffuser and the liquid crystal panel that both of the desired effects could be accomplished. That is, the overall light energy is

concentrated within a desired range of viewing angles and the variation of luminance with viewing angle is tailored to offset that which is obtained through the liquid crystal display alone.

For example, Figure 5 illustrates that with the insertion of lens array 40 as shown in Figures 4A and 4B, the overall luminance has increased approximately 20 percent within a range from -20° to $+20^{\circ}$ viewing angle and the desired decrease in luminance with increased vertical viewing angle is obtained between approximately $+10^{\circ}$ and $+35^{\circ}$ of vertical viewing angle. Curve 110 of Figure 5 illustrates the variation of luminance with viewing angle for the lambertian light source only, in both the horizontal and vertical angles while curves 120 and 130 respectively represent a variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angles for the backlight including lens array 40.

The effect which results from the insertion of the cylindrical lens array is explained by reference to Figure 6 wherein there are shown light rays from the lambertian (having uniform luminance with angle) source diffuser impinging on the lens array from various angles. An air gap must be present at the interface of the lambertian diffuser and the lens array. The normal 4 percent loss per surface due to fresnel reflections is not incurred, because the surface reflections are returned to the diffuser and reflected again.

Those rays that are normal to the source diffuser but

less than the critical angle within the lens array are passed through the lens array materially unobstructed, except for a small amount of surface reflection. Rays which enter at oblique angles and are greater than the critical angle of the lens array undergo total internal reflection at the inside of the lens surface as illustrated by ray tracing 70. These rays are reflected with no loss due to the total internal reflection effect around the lens periphery. They exit the rear of the lens array and return to the source diffuser where they undergo a secondary diffuse reflection from the source diffuser.

However, because the source diffuser is not totally reflective, some of the returned rays are transmitted through the diffuser and are then reflected from the backlight enclosure surface 15 of Figure 4A. Some fraction of these rays are reflected internally to exit the diffuser again. These reflected rays again have a lambertian distribution at the surface of lambertian diffuser 20. It is apparent from this interaction between the lens array and the backlight that rays which impinge close to the normal tend to be intensified while those rays which impinge at oblique angles undergo total internal reflection and are returned to the diffuser and diminished somewhat from this statistical process.

However, the roll off or variation with vertical viewing angle for this single directional diffuser cylindrical lens array was not sufficient to offset the effects of the

liquid crystal display, and there were significant moire patterns caused by the interference between the lens array and the display panel wherein the lens array contained 142 lenses per inch and the display panel matrix had a spatial frequency resolution of 172 dots or pixels per inch.

For the desired specific implementation it was discovered that the adverse interaction producing moire patterns could be eliminated by including a second lens array with a different number of lenses per inch. The combination of the dual lenses increased the desired reduction in luminance with increased viewing angle, and in addition reduced or eliminated the moire patterns with the selection of an appropriate pitch, or number of lenses per inch, for the two lenses in question.

As illustrated in Figure 7, one of the lens arrays 42 was selected to have a relatively coarse pitch with respect to that of the liquid crystal display and the second lens array 44 was selected to have a relatively fine pitch with respect to that of liquid crystal display. Figure 8 illustrates again the relatively flat response of the lambertian source diffuser alone curve 110, and the increased roll off with vertical viewing angle of curve 125 as well as the corresponding variation of luminance with horizontal viewing angle as illustrated by curve 135 for the dual lens array of Figure 8.

In general it was discovered that the addition of additional lens arrays caused a steeper or more rapid varia-

tion of the change in luminance with vertical viewing angle, which was desirable, but the corresponding change in luminance with variations in horizontal viewing angle also became steeper, which was not desirable for the particular application in question. For the particular application in question the preferred embodiment included two lens arrays in series which provided the best tradeoff of decrease in luminance with variation of vertical viewing angle, while not adversely affecting the variation in luminance with horizontal viewing angle.

In addition, since moire effects result when both of the lens arrays have the same spatial frequency, the rear array 42 should have a coarse resolution or low spatial frequency while the front lens array 44 should have a fine resolution or high spatial frequency. The lens arrays and the panel spatial frequencies should be selected to avoid integral multiples of the other. Thus the fine lens array should be as high a spatial frequency as is practical and should be a non-integral multiple of the panel frequency. According to these guidelines the fine array frequency becomes approximately 2.5 times the display spatial frequency and the coarse array frequency should be approximately the fine array frequency divided by 3.5, 4.5, 5.5 or as required for the most convenient fabrication.

It was also discovered that the maximum increase in luminance was obtained using a triangular lens array having an

included angle of 90° as illustrated in Figure 10. This configuration resulted in a variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angles which was quite steep as illustrated by curves 160 and 170 of Figure 11. Other lens array shapes may be selected as desired to obtain the required concentration of luminance and variation of luminance with vertical and horizontal viewing angle for a particular application.

Even though the spatial frequencies of the directional diffuser lens array and LCD panel have been selected to be greatly different and non-integer multiples, some visual banding effects or moire pattern effects may still be apparent to the viewer. This is especially true at off-axis viewing conditions. This residual moire can be removed by rotating the lens array 40 with the respect to the LCD array 30, as illustrated in Figure 12. This rotation of the lens array by a few degrees (Typically 2 to 16 degrees) from the horizontal axis causes a small change in the effective spatial frequency difference of the two arrays and thereby eliminates the residual moire.

In addition to the angular redistribution of the light from the directional diffuser, the lens array also provides an additional diffusing effect, especially for any step variations in luminance that are parallel to (or nearly parallel to within a few degrees) the axis of the lens array. This allows the reduction of the thickness or optical density of the

conventional diffuser while still achieving the same system luminance uniformity and masking of undesired spatial artifacts from the light source, but with higher luminance at the output.

While there have been described above the principals of invention in conjunction with several specific embodiments, it is to be clearly understood that these descriptions are made only by way of example and not as a limitation to the scope of the invention.

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CLAIMS

Claim 1. A display apparatus comprising:

a light source;

a substantially planar array mounted adjacent to said light source for receiving light from said light source, said array comprising a plurality of controllable apertures for creating an image by controlling the amount of light from said light source which is allowed to pass through each of said apertures; and

luminance control means disposed between said light source and said planar array for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said luminance control means and said planar array.

Claim 2. A display apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said planar array comprises a liquid crystal panel having a characteristic variation of light transmission with viewing angle.

Claim 3. A display apparatus in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said luminance control means comprises a first lens array having a plurality of individual lenslets.

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Claim 4. A display apparatus in accordance with ~~Claim 3~~ ^{Claim 10} wherein each of said lenslets has a semi-cylindrical shape.

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Claim 5. A display apparatus in accordance with ~~Claim 3~~ ^{Claim 10} wherein each of said lenslets has a triangular cross section.

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Claim 6. A display apparatus in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said luminance control means further comprises a second lens array disposed between said first lens array and said liquid crystal panel.

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Claim 7. A display apparatus in accordance with ~~Claim 6~~ ^{Claim 10} wherein said liquid crystal panel comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in rows and columns, and wherein the number of rows of pixels per unit height, or pitch, of the liquid crystal panel is a first value; the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said first lens array is a second value which is less than said first value; and the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said second lens array is a third value which is greater than said first value.

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Claim 8. A display apparatus in accordance with ~~Claim 7~~ ^{Claim 10} wherein said third value is a non-integral multiple of said first value and is also a non-integral multiple of said second value.

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Claim 9. A display apparatus in accordance with Claim 3 wherein said first lens array is rotated about an axis perpendicular to said liquid crystal panel in order to provide a slight misalignment between said lenlets and said liquid
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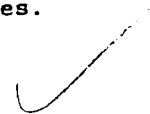
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A display apparatus including a light source, a liquid crystal panel, and one or more directional diffuser lens arrays disposed therebetween provides a tailored variation of luminance with viewing angle, a uniform variation of luminance with viewing angle within a first predetermined range of viewing angles and a concentration of light energy within a second predetermined range of viewing angles.

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
"A DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY"

The specification of which

(check ☒ is attached hereto
 one) ☐ was filed on _____ as
 Application Serial No. _____
 and was amended on _____
 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: DALE E. JEPSEN
 (Reg. No. 31,379), Albin Medved (Reg. No. 22,710), Roger W. Jensen (Reg. No. 17,651) and
 Donald J. Lenkasue (Reg. No. 28,096). Address all telephone calls to 602/436-1336 (MR. JEPSEN) at
 telephone number _____

Address all correspondence to DALE E. JEPSEN, Office of General Counsel, Honeywell Inc.,
21,111 N. 19TH AVENUE, DV9L, PHOENIX, AZ 85027

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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*Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a):

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A duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office rests on the inventor, on each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application and on every other individual who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application. All such individuals have a duty to disclose to the Office information they are aware of which is material to the examination of the application. Such information is material where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent. The duty is commensurate with the degree of involvement in the preparation or prosecution of the application.

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Prior Art
Conventional Backlit LCD System
FIGURE 1

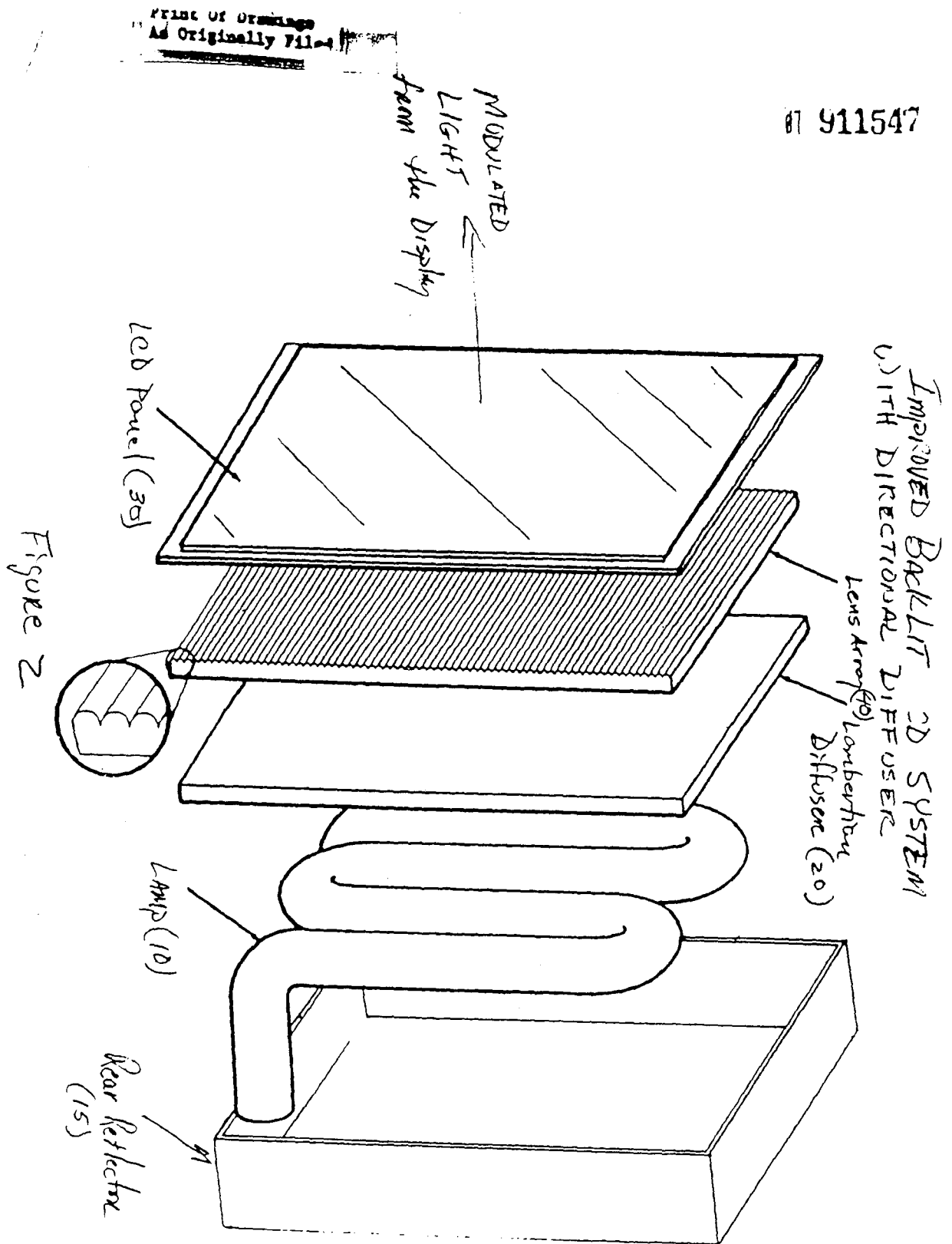
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DIFFUSER (20)

Rear Reflector
(15)

LAMP(10)

LED Panel (30)

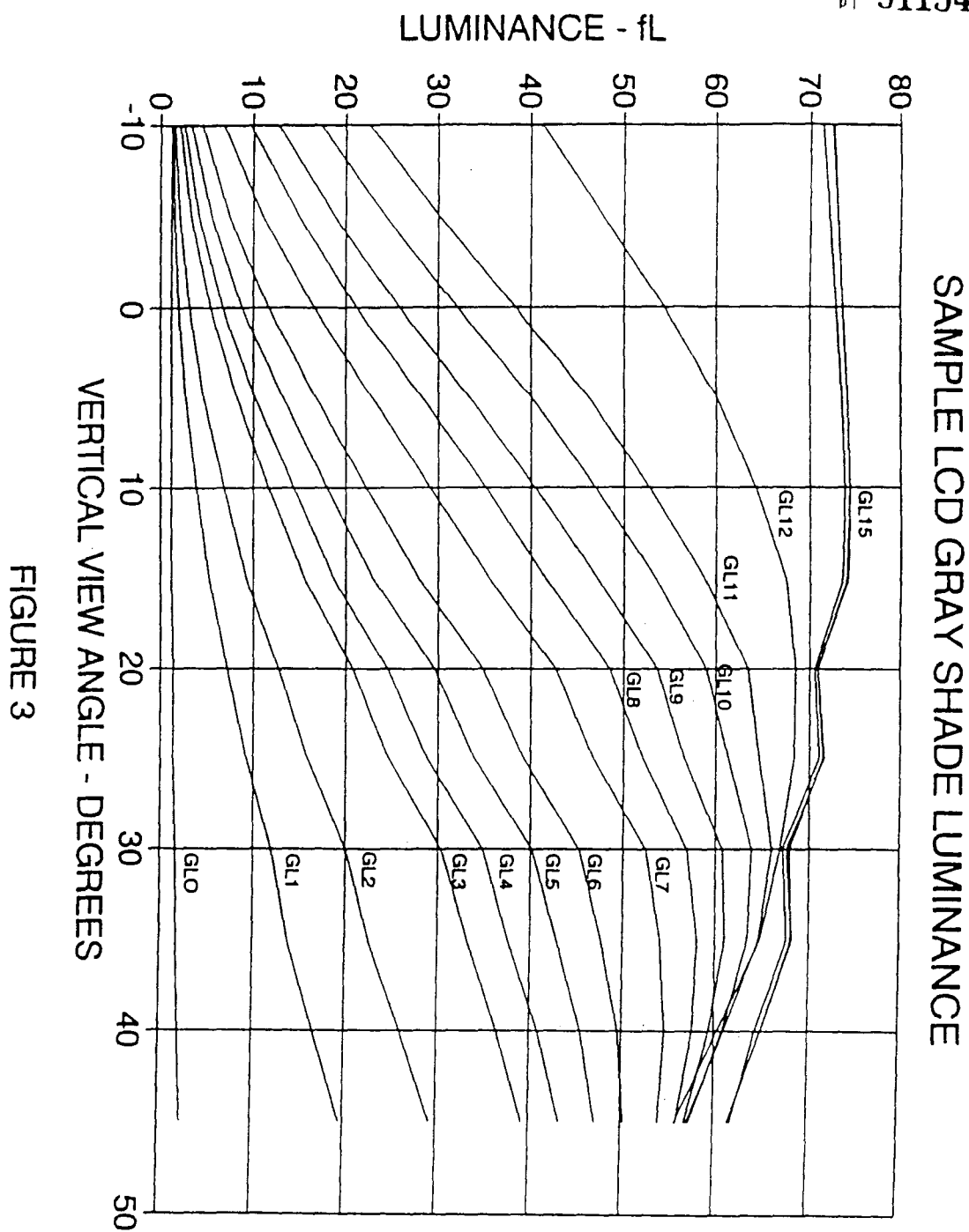
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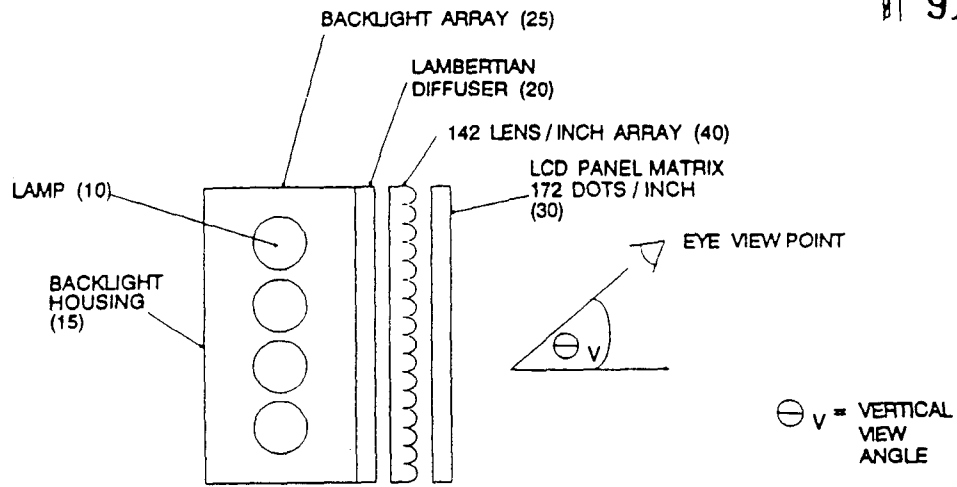
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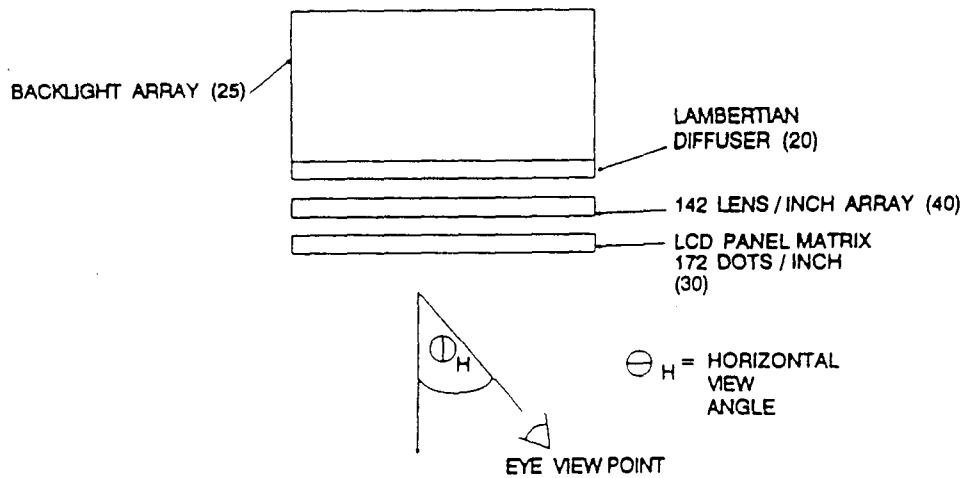


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SINGLE CYLINDRICAL LENS ARRAY
FIGURE 4A



SINGLE CYLINDRICAL LENS ARRAY
FIGURE 4B

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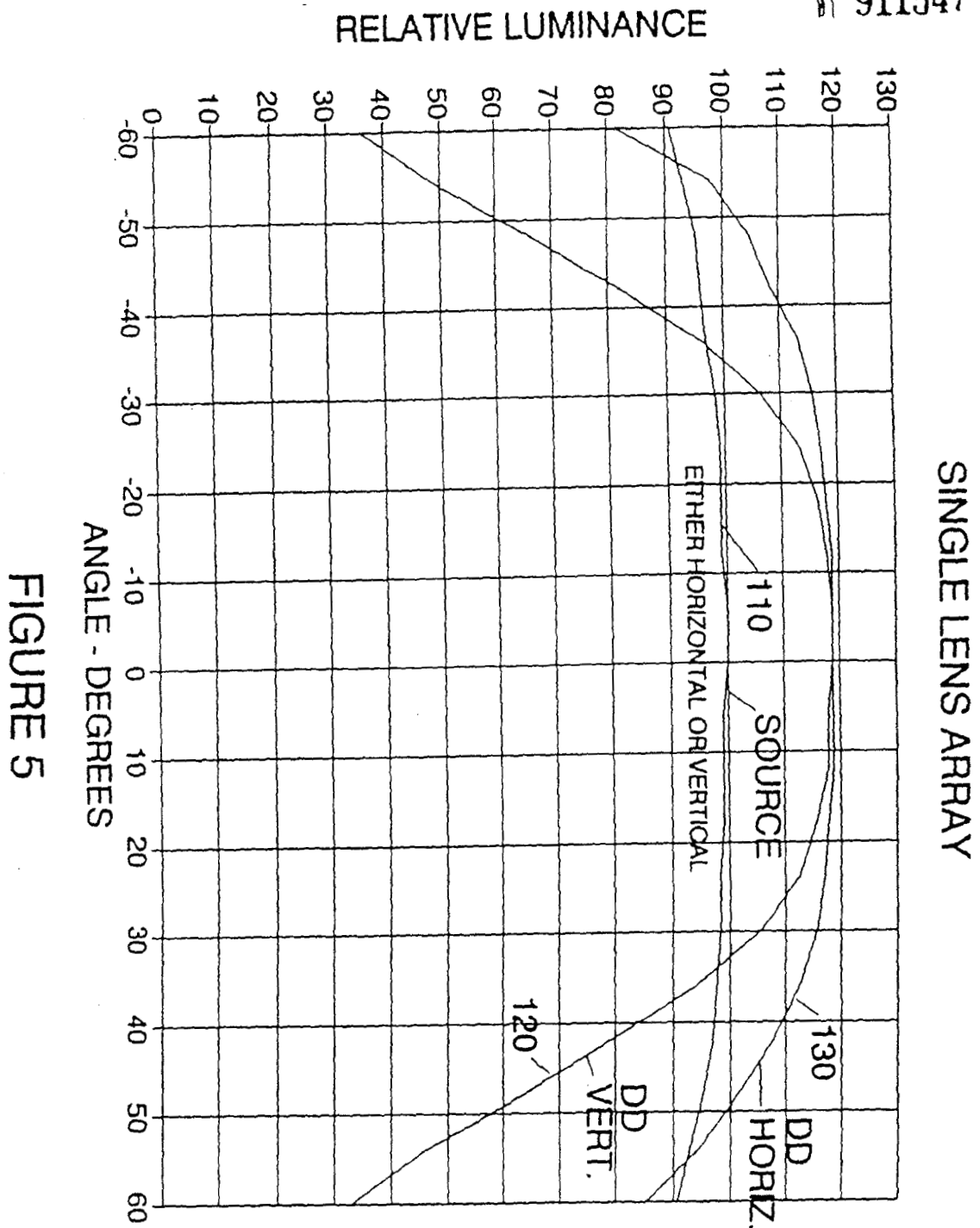


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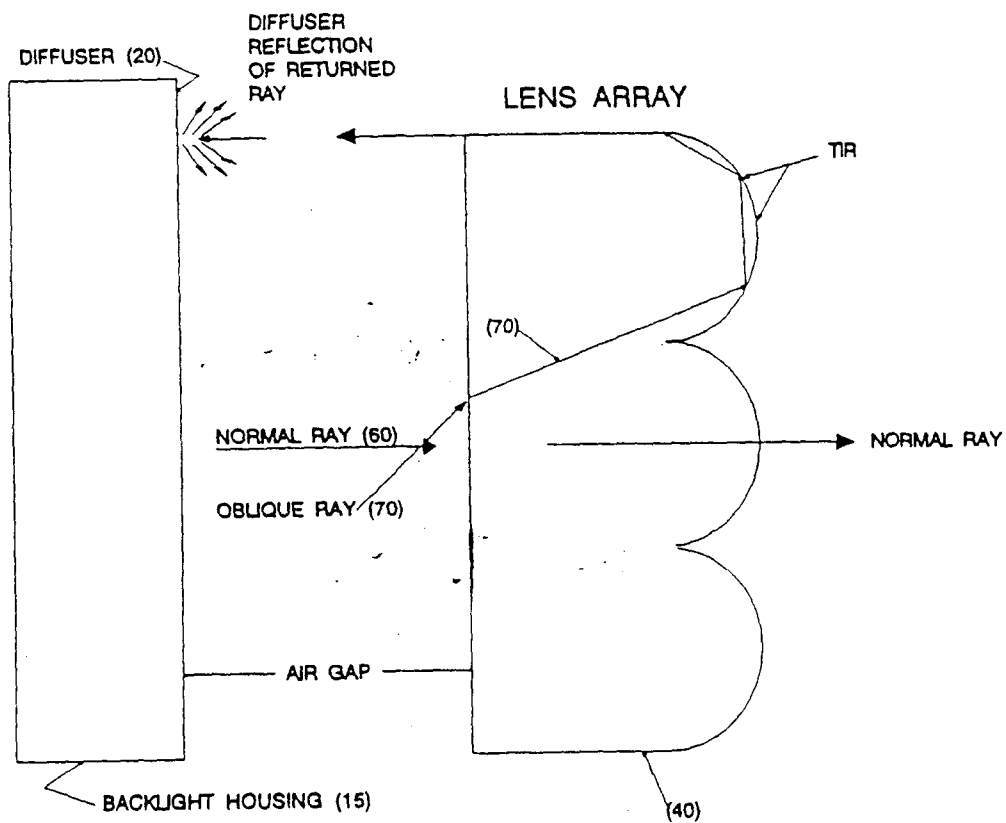


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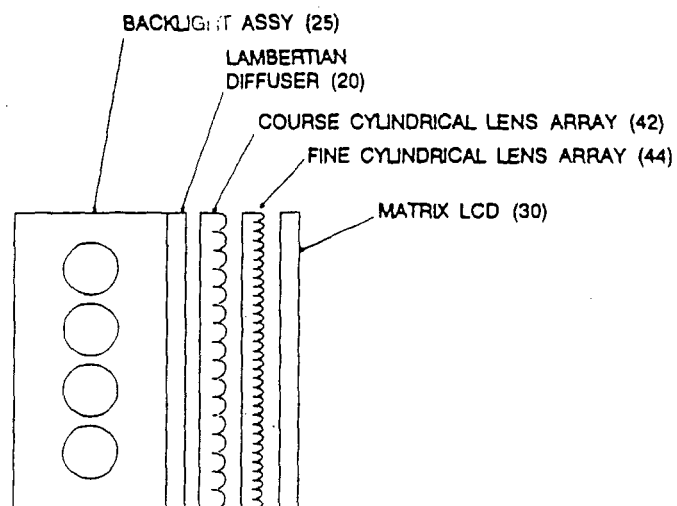


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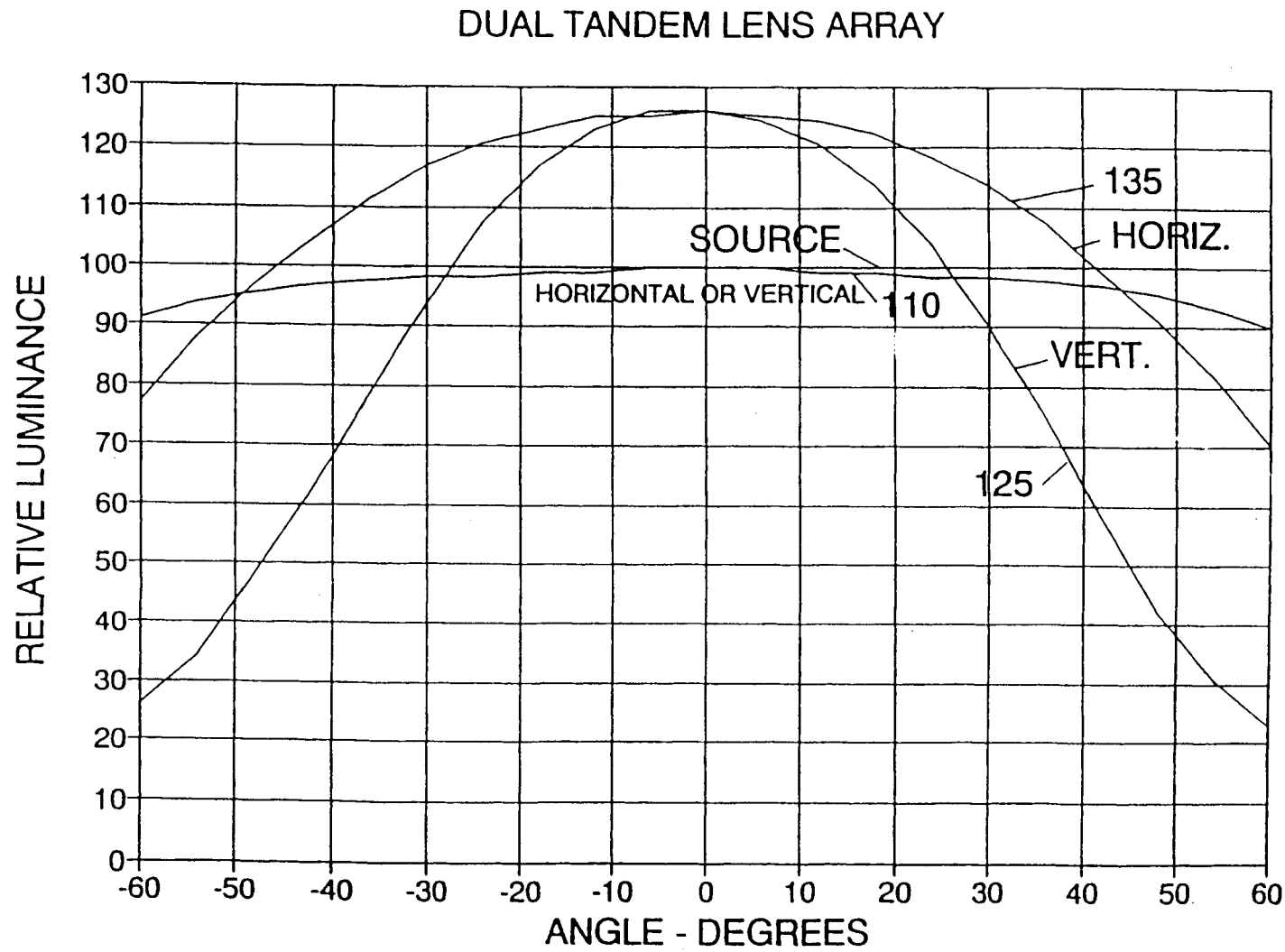


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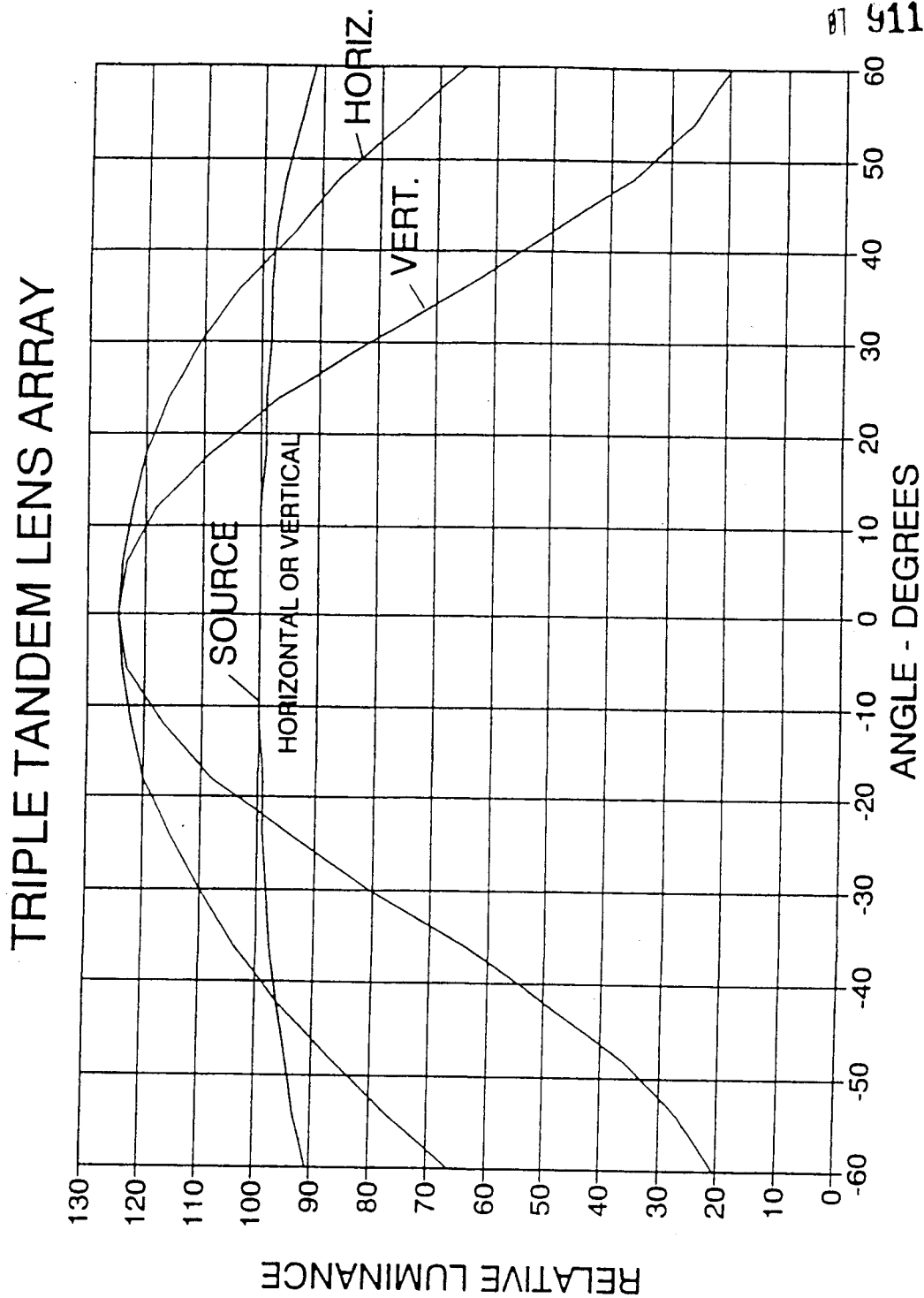


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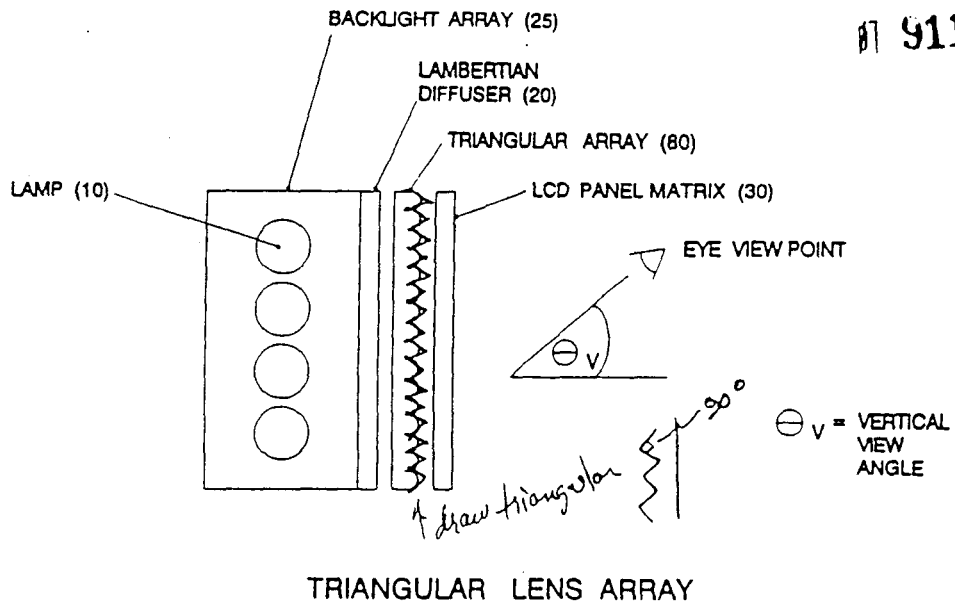
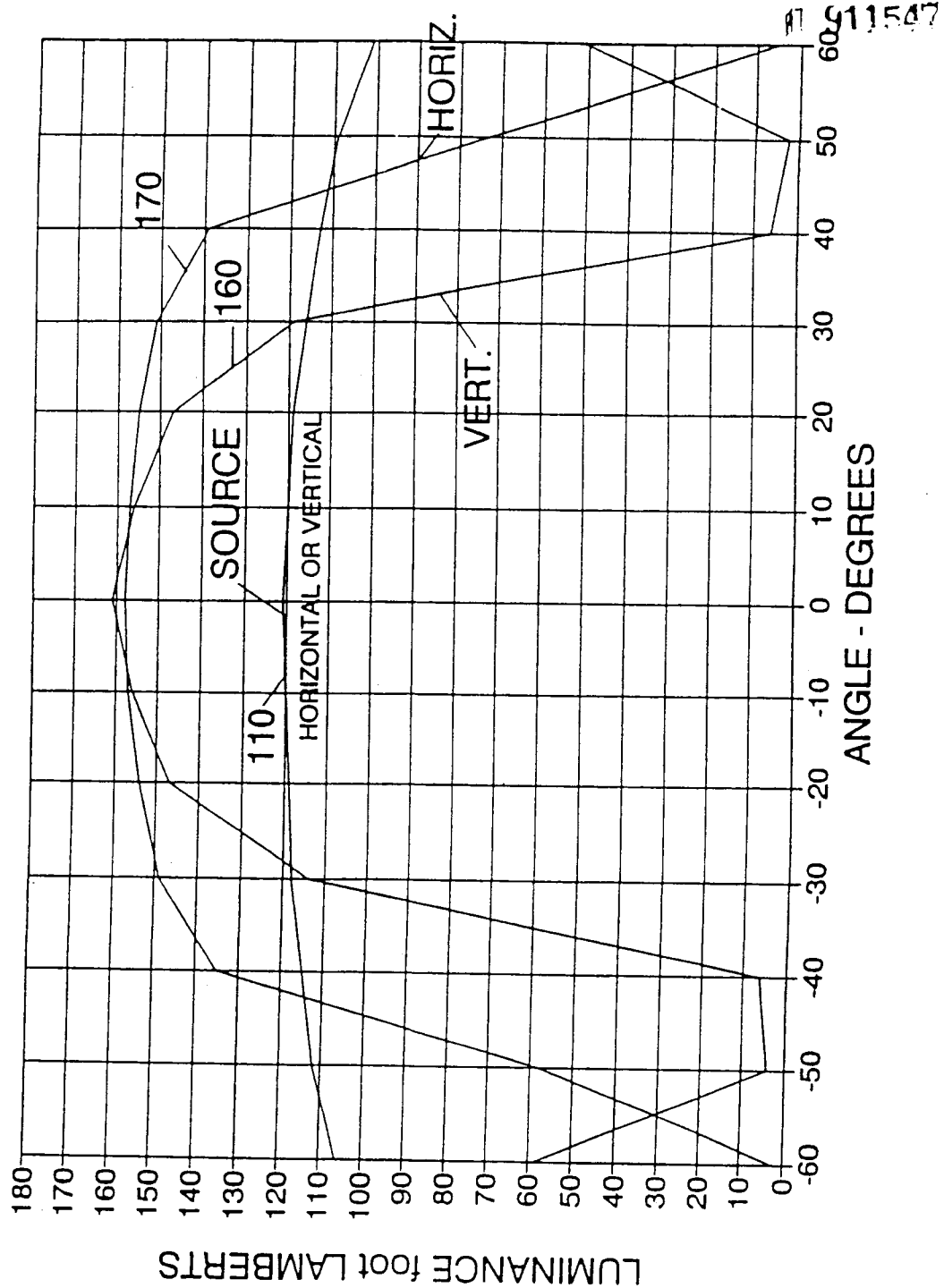


FIGURE 10

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FIGURE 11



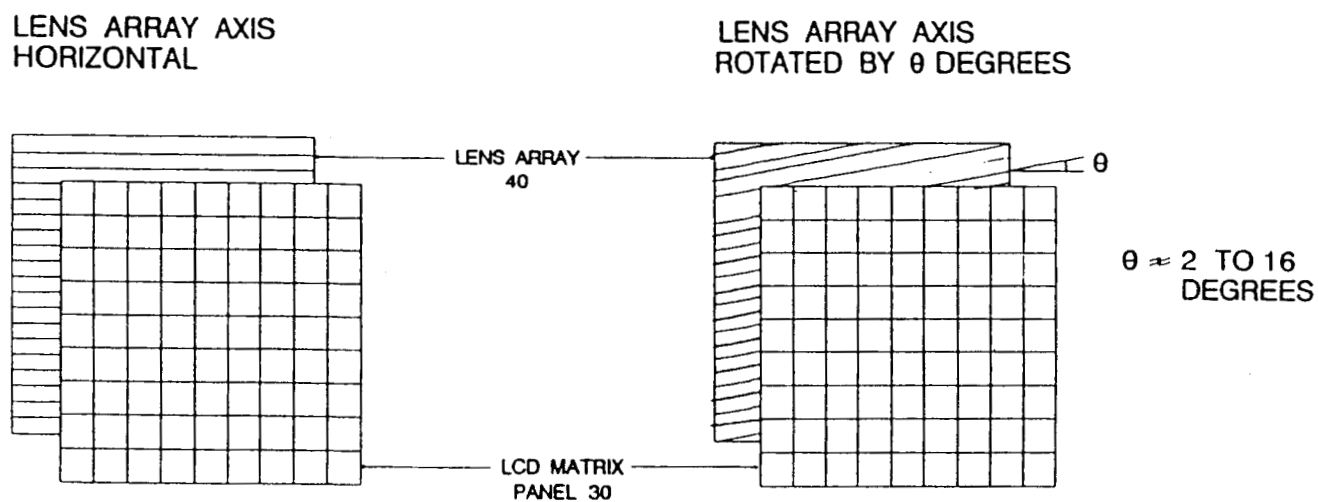


FIGURE 12

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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of RICHARD I. MCCARTNEY JR. ET AL

for "A DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY"

Enclosed are:

☒ 12 sheets of drawing (INFORMAL)

☒ an assignment of the invention to HONEYWELL INC., HONEYWELL PLAZA, MINNEAPOLIS, MN

☐ a certified copy of a _____ application.

☒ associate power of attorney.

Claims as Filed

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total claims.....	9 -20 =	0	x \$20=	0
Independent claims.....	1 -3 =	0	x \$72=	0
Basic fee (minimum amount required).....				690.00
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Total Filing Fee				690.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Recording of Assignment				40.00

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No 08-2727. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

9 JULY 1992

date

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SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
07/911,547	07/09/92	MC CARTNEY	R A6213491

EXAMINER
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 DALE E. JEPSEN
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ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
2504	3

DATE MAILED: 10/02/92

 This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

☒ This application has been examined ☐ Responsive to communication filed on _____ ☐ This action is made final.

 A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), 0 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133
Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

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|---|--|
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. | 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-9 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
2. ☐ Claims _____ have been cancelled.
3. ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.
4. ☒ Claims 1-9 are rejected.
5. ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.
6. ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7. ☒ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable. ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).
10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner. ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____, has been ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved (see explanation).
12. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received
☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____
13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. ☐ Other

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EXAMINER'S ACTION

Serial No. 911,547

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Art Unit 2504

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a or b) as being clearly anticipated by Abileah et al or IBM (article).

The limitations of claims 1-5 are drawn in Abileah et al's Figs. 3-4 or IBM's Fig. 1. Abileah et al teach ^{a device comprising} a light source 100, a substantially planar array 10 and luminance control means 102.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

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Claims 1-3 and 6-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Abileah et al or IBM (article) in view of Hamada.

The basic structure of claims 1-3 and 6-9 are shown in Abileah et al's Figs. 3-4 or IBM's Fig. 1, except for a second lens array disposed between the first lens array and the liquid crystal panel. Hamada teaches in Figs. 5A-B and 7 a liquid crystal display panel having microlens arrays provided at a side of the liquid crystal cell for improving the brightness of the display panel. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to one skilled in this art to utilize a liquid crystal display apparatus comprising a light source, a liquid crystal cell and luminance control means having a first lens array and a second lens array interposed between the light source and the liquid crystal cell like Abileah et al or IBM's in view of Hamada. It would have been obvious because of the second lens array in the Hamada patent for improving the brightness of the display; One skilled in this art would have been motivated to combine the Hamada's liquid crystal panel in to the Abileah et al or IBM's display apparatus for improving the brightness display. Therefore, claims 1-3 and 6-9 are unpatentable under 35 USC 103 over Abileah et al. or IBM in view of Hamada.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

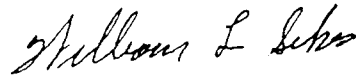
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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed
to Examiner Huy K. Mai at telephone number (703) 308-4874.

HM/
Mai/ks
September 30, 1992


WILLIAM L. SIKES
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
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TO SEPARATE, HOLD TOP AND BOTTOM EDGES, SNAP-APART AND DISCARD CARBON

FORM PTO-892 (REV. 3-78)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		SERIAL NO. 07/911,547		GROUP/ART UNIT 2509		ATTACHMENT TO PAPER NUMBER 3	
NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED				APPLICANT(S) Mc Cartney, Jr. et al					
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS									
		DOCUMENT NO.		DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
A		5128783	7/7/92	Nielsen et al	359	40	1-31-90		
B		5101279	3/31/92	Huematzu et al	359	40			
C		5052783	10/1/91	Hermader	359	41			
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L		0214822	8-90	Japn	ishihara	359	69		
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)									
R		IBM corp, "polarized backlight for liquid crystal display" IBM Technical Disclosure bulletin, vol 33 No. 1B, June 1990 pp. 143-144.							
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* A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this office action. (See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, section 707.05 (a).)									

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APPLICATION NUMBER

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NOTICE OF DRAFTSMAN'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The PTO Draftsmen review all originally filed drawings regardless of whether they were designated as informal or formal.

The drawings filed 7/9/92A. ☐ are approved.B. ☒ are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84 on reason(s) checked below. The examiner will require submission of next corrected drawings at the appropriate time. Corrected drawings must be submitted according to the instructions listed on the back of this Notice.

1. Paper and Ink. 37 CFR 1.84(a)

- ☐ Poor Quality Paper. Must Be White.
Transparent Paper Not Allowed.
Sheet(s) _____

2. Size of Sheet and Margins. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

Acceptable Paper Sizes and Margins

Paper Size

Margin	8 1/2 by 14 inches	8 1/2 by 13 inches	11 by 17 inches
Top	2 inches	1 inch	2.5 cm
Left	1/4 inch	1/4 inch	2.5 cm
Right	1/4 inch	1/4 inch	1.5 cm
Bottom	1/4 inch	1/4 inch	1.0 cm

☒ Proper Size Paper Required. All papers undersized.
Sheets Must be Same Size.
Sheet(s) 1-12

☐ Proper Margins Required.

- Sheet(s) _____
- ☐ Top ☐ Right
☐ Left ☐ Bottom

3. Character of Lines. 37 CFR 1.84(c)

☒ Lines Pale, Rough and Blurred, or Jagged. Fig(s) 1, 2, 6, 10, 12

☐ Solid Black Shading Not Allowed.
Fig(s) _____

4. ☐ Photographs Not Approved.☐ Comments:

5. Hatching and Shading. 37 CFR 1.84(d)

- ☐ Shade Lines are Required.
Fig(s) _____
- ☐ Criss-Cross Hatching Not Allowed.
Fig(s) _____
- ☐ Double Line Hatching Not Allowed.
Fig(s) _____
- ☐ Parts in Section Must be Hatched Properly. Fig(s) _____

6. Reference Characters. 37 CFR 1.84(f)

☒ Reference Characters Poor or Rough and Blurred. Fig(s) 1, 2, 10

☐ Minimum 1/8 inch (3.2 mm.) in height is required. Fig(s) _____

☒ Figure Legends Poor or Placed Incorrectly. Fig(s) 1-12

7. Views. 37 CFR 1.84(i) & (j)

- ☒ Figures Must be Numbered Separately.
Fig. 2
- ☐ Figures Must Not be Connected
Fig(s) _____

8. Identification of Drawings. 37 CFR 1.84(l)

☒ Extraneous Matter or Copy Machine Marks Not Allowed. Fig(s) 1-10, 12

9. ☐ Changes Not Completed from Prior PTO-948 dated _____

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Telephone inquiries concerning this review should be directed to the Chief Draftsman at telephone number (703) 557-6404.

I. Roop
Reviewing Draftsman

7/28/92
Date



"PATENT"

Applicant: R. McCartney et al } Art Unit: 2504
Serial No.: 07/911,547 } Examiner: H. Mai
Filed: 9 July 1992 } Docket No.: A6213491

For: "A DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY"

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 2 October 1992, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Kindly delete claims 1, 2 and 3.

Kindly amend claims 4, 5, 7 and 9 as follows:

In claims 4 and 5, at line 1, delete "Claim 3", and substitute therefor - - Claim 10 - -.

In claim 7, at line 1, delete "Claim 6", and substitute therefor - - Claim 10 - -.

Claim 9. (Amended) A display apparatus in accordance with Claim [3] 10 wherein at least one of said first and second lens arrays is rotated about an axis perpendicular to said liquid crystal panel in order to provide a slight misalignment between said lenslets and said liquid crystal panel.

Docket No. A6213491

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2 February 1993

Kindly add new claim 10 as follows:

Claim 10. A display apparatus comprising:

a light source;

a liquid crystal panel mounted adjacent to said light source for receiving light from said light source; and

first and second lens arrays, each having a plurality of individual lenslets, disposed between said light source and said liquid crystal panel for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said lens arrays and said liquid crystal panel.

REMARKS

The applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his citation to the noted references and his accompanying remarks. While the cited references are certainly pertinent to the claimed invention, applicants respectfully disagree with the interpretation of the cited references by the Examiner and his conclusions drawn therefrom.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 USC 102 (a or b) as being clearly anticipated by Abileah et al or the cited IBM article. While not necessarily providing the same function, the structure of these references does appear to be similar to that of applicants' invention. In order to further prosecution of the application, claims 1-3 have been deleted

and claims 4 and 5 amended to depend from new claim 10.

In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 6-9 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Abileah et al or the IBM article in view of Hamada. Applicants have added new claim 10 which essentially includes the limitations of claims 1-3 and 6, resulting in a new claim for an apparatus having two lens arrays.

The Examiner contends that it would have been obvious, in view of Hamada, to add a second lens array to the structure of Abileah or IBM. In order to support a combination of references under 35 USC 103 there must be some suggestion for the combination. As the Hamada reference is concerned with a projection apparatus, there would be no suggestion to use the dual lens arrays of Hamada in the direct view apparatus of Abileah or IBM. Particularly since the dual lens array of Hamada is used to overcome a problem specifically associated with projection displays.


The two lens arrays of Hamada are used in a projection device to reduce the dimming at the outer edges. As such the dual lens arrays would not be suggested to the direct view display of Abileah or IBM.

In addition, at no point in any of the references is there any discussion of eliminating moire effects with appropriate selection of the relative pitch of the two lens arrays as specifically described and claimed by the applicants. Also, there is no discussion of rotating one of the

lens arrays with respect to the liquid crystal panel as specifically claimed in applicants' claim 9.

Based on the foregoing, applicants contend that claims 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10, as amended, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request same at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 32, 379

602/436-1336

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of: R. MCCARTNEY ET AL

Serial No.: 07/911,547

Group No.: 2504 ✓

Filed: 9 JULY 1992

Examiner: H. MAI

For: "A DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY"

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
- ☐ a small entity — verified statement:
 - ☐ attached.
 - ☐ already filed.
 - ☒ other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 360.00	\$180.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 840.00	\$420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,320.00	\$660.00

Fee \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$_____

OR

(b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		ADDIT. RATE FEE		OR RATE ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	5	MINUS	9	=	0	x10=	\$	x20=	\$
INDEP.	1	MINUS	1	=	0	x36=	\$	x72=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+110=	\$	+220=	\$
						TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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(complete (c) or (d) as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.**OR**(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$_____.**FEE PAYMENT**5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____.☒ Charge Account No. 08-2727 the sum of
\$ 110.00

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No.
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ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
2504	5

DATE MAILED: 05/16/93

 This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

☐ This application has been examined ☒ Responsive to communication filed on 2/2/93 ☒ This action is made final.

 A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), 0 days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133
Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
2. ☒ Claims 1-3 have been cancelled.
3. ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.
4. ☒ Claims 4-6 & 10 are rejected.
5. ☒ Claims 7-9 are objected to.
6. ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7. ☒ This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9. ☐ The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable. ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).
10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner. ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____, has been ☐ approved. ☐ disapproved (see explanation).
12. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received ☐ not been received
☐ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.
13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. ☐ Other _____

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Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-10 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, fourth paragraph, as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claim 6 depends from claim 3 which has been canceled. Therefore, claim 6 is not treated on the merits.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Abileah et al ('041) or Yoshida et al.

The recited limitations of claims 5 and 10 are shown in Abileah et al's Figs. 6, 8, column 13, line 18 through column 14, line 44 or Yoshida et al's Figs. 3, 5.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject

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matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Abileah et al ('041) in view of Abileah et al ('783).

The '041 patent discloses in Figs. 6, 8 a display apparatus having first and second lens arrays with lenslets having a triangular cross section. The '041 patent lacks a teaching the lenslets having a semi-cylindrical shape.

The '783 patent teaches in Fig. 3 a lens array having lenslets disposed between a liquid crystal panel and a light source wherein the lenslets have semi-cylindrical shape for improving the brightness of the display device. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person skilled in this art to modify the '041 patent by substituting the lens arrays with lenslets having semi-cylindrical shape for the lens arrays with triangular-cross-section lenslets for improving the brightness of the display as taught by the '783 patent.

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Claims 7 and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon an objected claim which has allowable subject matter.


Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).


A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy K. Mai whose telephone number is (703) 308-4874.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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Mai/ks
April 26, 1993


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FORM PTO-892 (REV. 3-78)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		SERIAL NO. 07/911 547	GROUP/ART UNIT 2504	ATTACHMENT TO PAPER NUMBER 5		
NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED				APPLICANT(S) Mc Carthey Jr. et al.				
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
•		DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	A	5161041	11/3/92	Abileah et al	354	40	4/24/90	
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
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EXAMINER Mai				DATE 2/23/93		70		
* A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this office action. (See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, section 707.05 (a).)								



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: RICHARD I. MCCARTNEY, ET AL
Serial No.: 07 / 911,547 Group No.: 2504
Filed: 09 JULY 1992 Examiner: H. MAI
For: "A DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY"

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PATENT DOCKET NO. 2801

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7/8/93
A.S.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
☐ a small entity — verified statement:
☐ attached.
☐ already filed.
☒ other than a small entity.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United State Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1081 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 360.00	\$180.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 840.00	\$420.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,320.00	\$660.00

Fee \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$_____

OR

(b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. RATE FEE	ADDIT. RATE FEE
TOTAL 3	MINUS 20	=	x11= \$ 0	x22= \$ 0
INDEP. 2	MINUS 3	=	x37= \$ 0	x74= \$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+115= \$	+230= \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$ 0

If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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(complete (c) or (d) as applicable)

(c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.
- ☒ Charge Account No. 08-2727 the sum of \$ 110.00.
- A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 08-2727.


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Applicant: Richard I. McCartney, et al) Art Unit: 2504
Serial No.: 007/911,547) Examiner: H. Mai
Filed: 09 July 1992) Doc. No.: A6213491

For: "A DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY"

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner of U.S.
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JUL 06 1993

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 06 May 1993,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly delete Claims 4, 5, 6 and 10.

Kindly amend Claims 7 and 9 as follows:

Claim 7 (Twice Amended) A display apparatus comprising:

a light source;

a liquid crystal panel mounted adjacent to said light
source for receiving light from said light source; and

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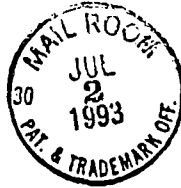
first and second lens arrays, each having a plurality of individual lenslets, disposed between said light source and said liquid crystal panel for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said lens arrays and said liquid crystal panel. [A display apparatus in accordance with Claim 10] wherein said liquid crystal panel comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in rows and columns, and wherein the number of rows of pixels per unit height, or pitch, of the liquid crystal panel is a first value; the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said first lens array is a second value which is less than said first value; and the number of lenslets per unit height, or pitch, of said second lens array is a third value which is greater than said first value.

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Claim ~~8~~ (Twice Amended) A display apparatus comprising:
a light source;
a liquid crystal panel mounted adjacent to said light source for receiving light from said light source; and
first and second lens arrays, each having a plurality of individual lenslets, disposed between said light source and said liquid crystal panel for providing a predetermined variation with viewing angle of light transmission from said light source through said lens arrays and said liquid crystal panel. [A display apparatus in accordance with Claim 10]

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wherein at least one of said first and second lens arrays is rotated about an axis perpendicular to said liquid crystal panel in order to provide a slight misalignment between said lenslets and said liquid crystal panel.

REMARKS

The Examiner has finally rejected Claims 4-6 and 10. Applicants have deleted Claims 4-6 and 10.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 7 and 9, indicating that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 8 as being dependent on an objected claim. Claim 7 has been amended to overcome the noted objection and claim 8, which depends therefrom, should now be allowable.

Applicants having amended Claims 7 and 9 to overcome the Examiner's objections, Claim 8 now depending from allowable Claim 7, and all remaining claims having been canceled, hereby request a Notice of Allowance for Claims 7, 8 and 9, as amended, at the earliest opportunity.

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 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231
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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) MARY GOLDSTEIN (3) _____
(2) DALE JEPSEN (4) _____

Date of Interview 7-16-93

Type: ☒ Telephonic ☐ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☐ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☐ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☐ was not reached.

Claims discussed: _____

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

Informed the attorney that the amendment after final
has been received.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

Unless the paragraphs below have been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

☐ Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action.



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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to THE AMENDMENT FILED ON JULY 2, 1993
- ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- ☒ The allowed claims are 7-9, CLAIMS 1-6 & 10 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.
- ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____.
- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- ☐ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- ☐ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - ☒ Drawing Informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - ☒ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413 | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948 |
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TITLE OF INVENTION: DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY				

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Examiner: H. MAI

"DIRECTIONAL DIFFUSER FOR A LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY"

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Each sheet of drawing indicates the serial number and Group Art Unit on ☐ the front center ☒ the reverse side of the drawing.

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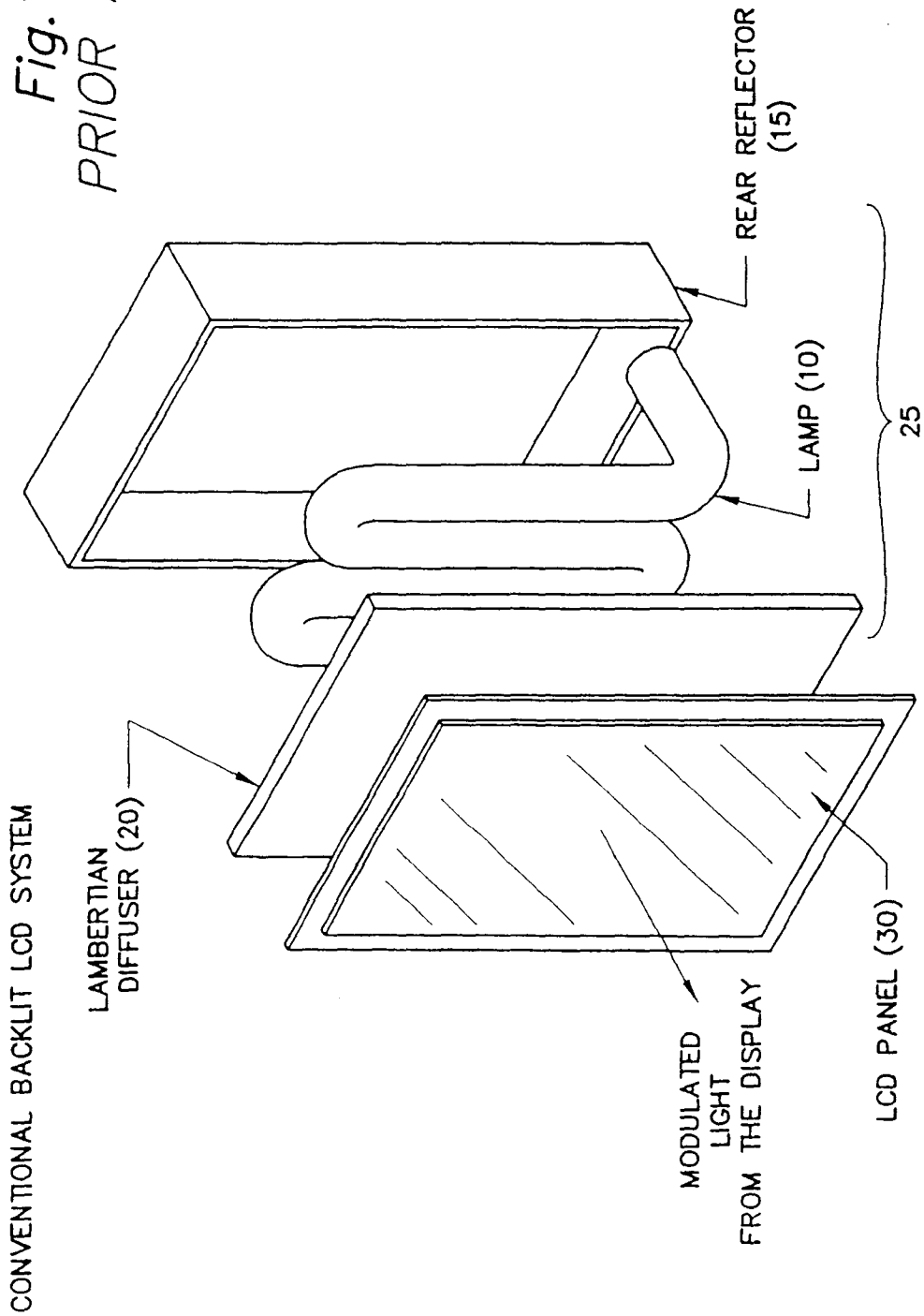
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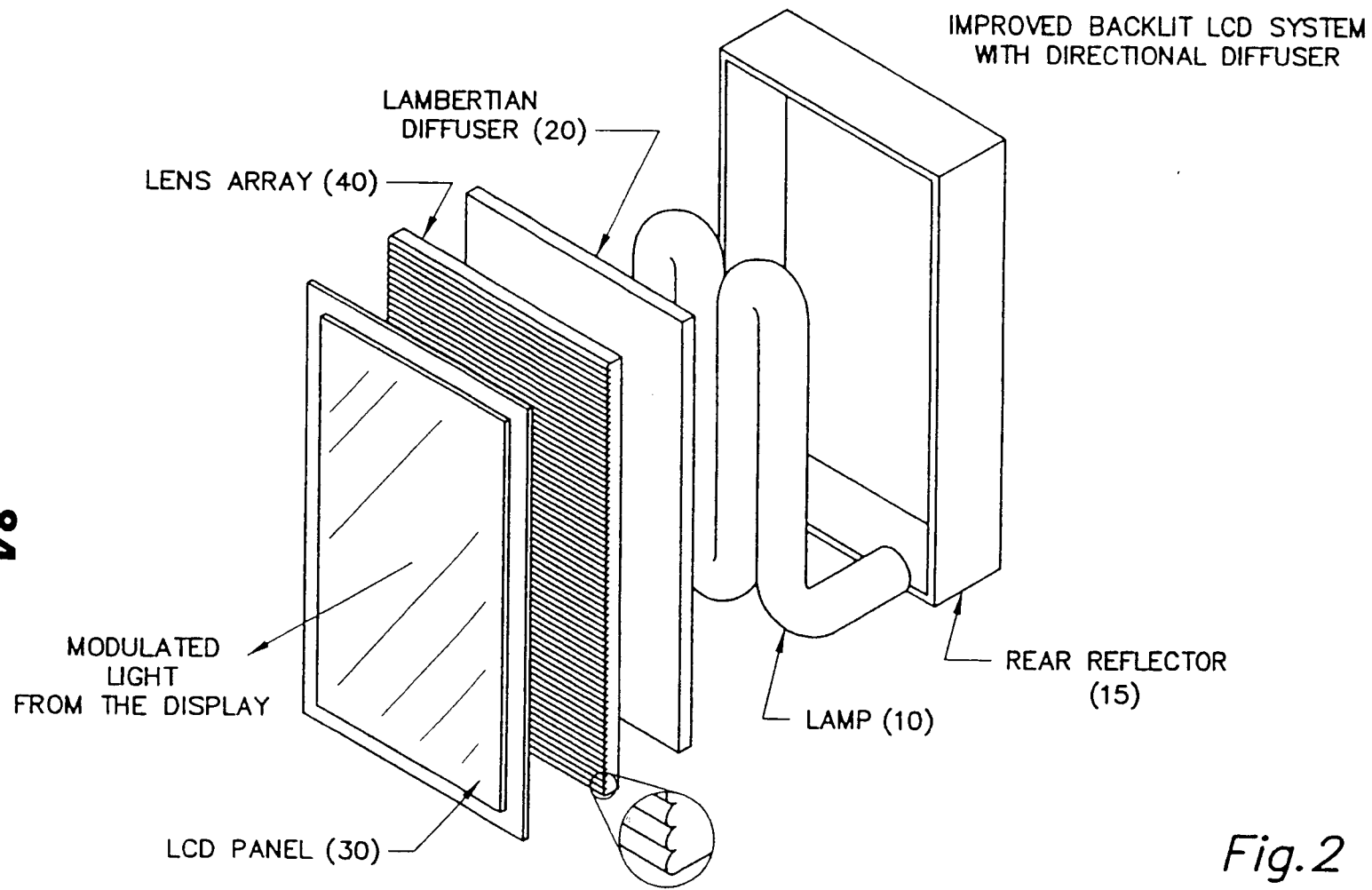


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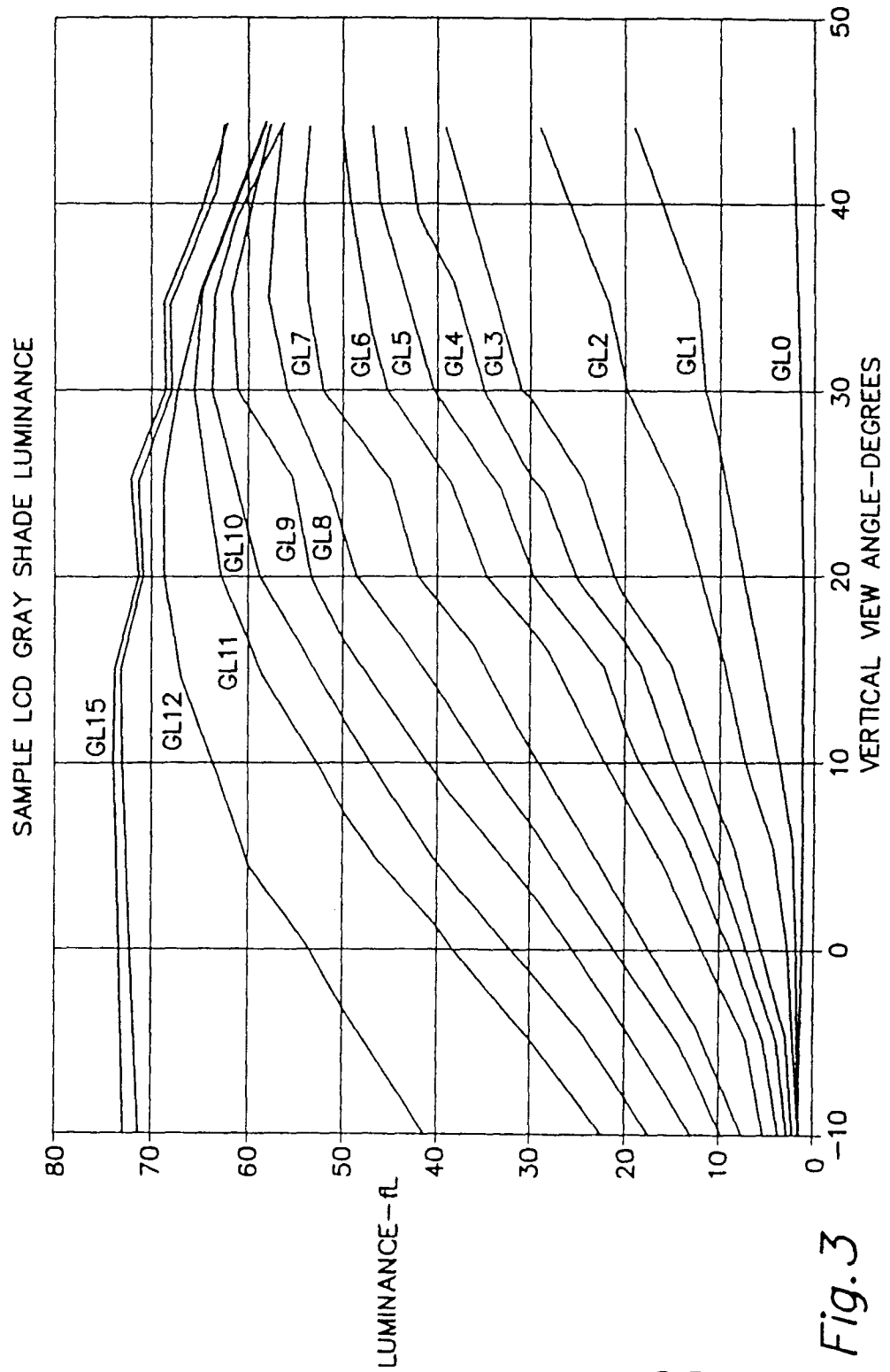
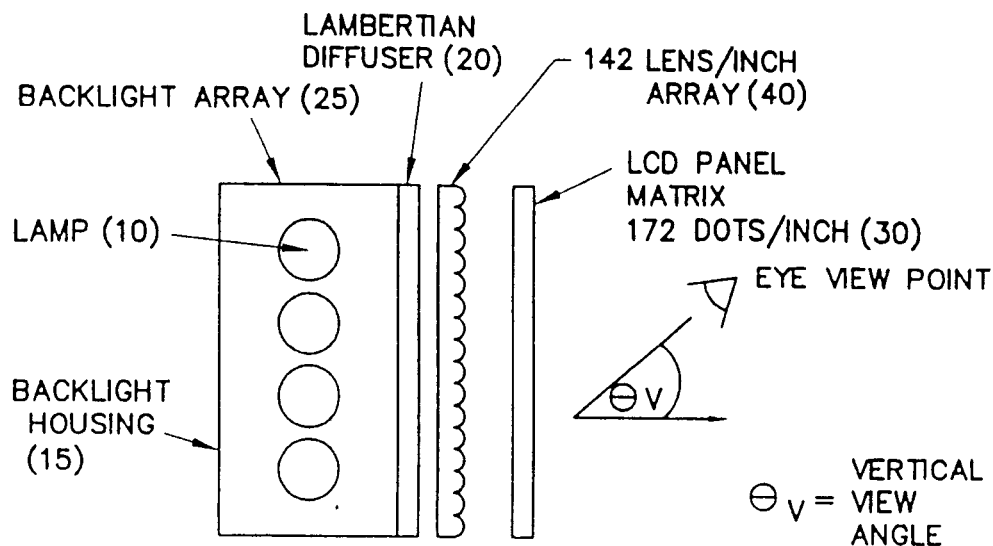


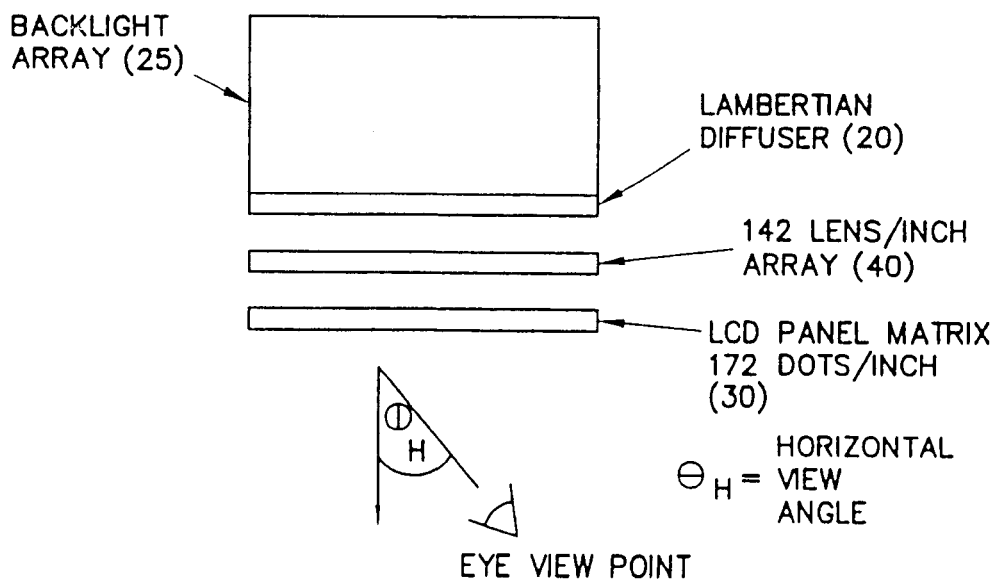
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SINGLE CYLINDRICAL LENS ARRAY

Fig. 4A



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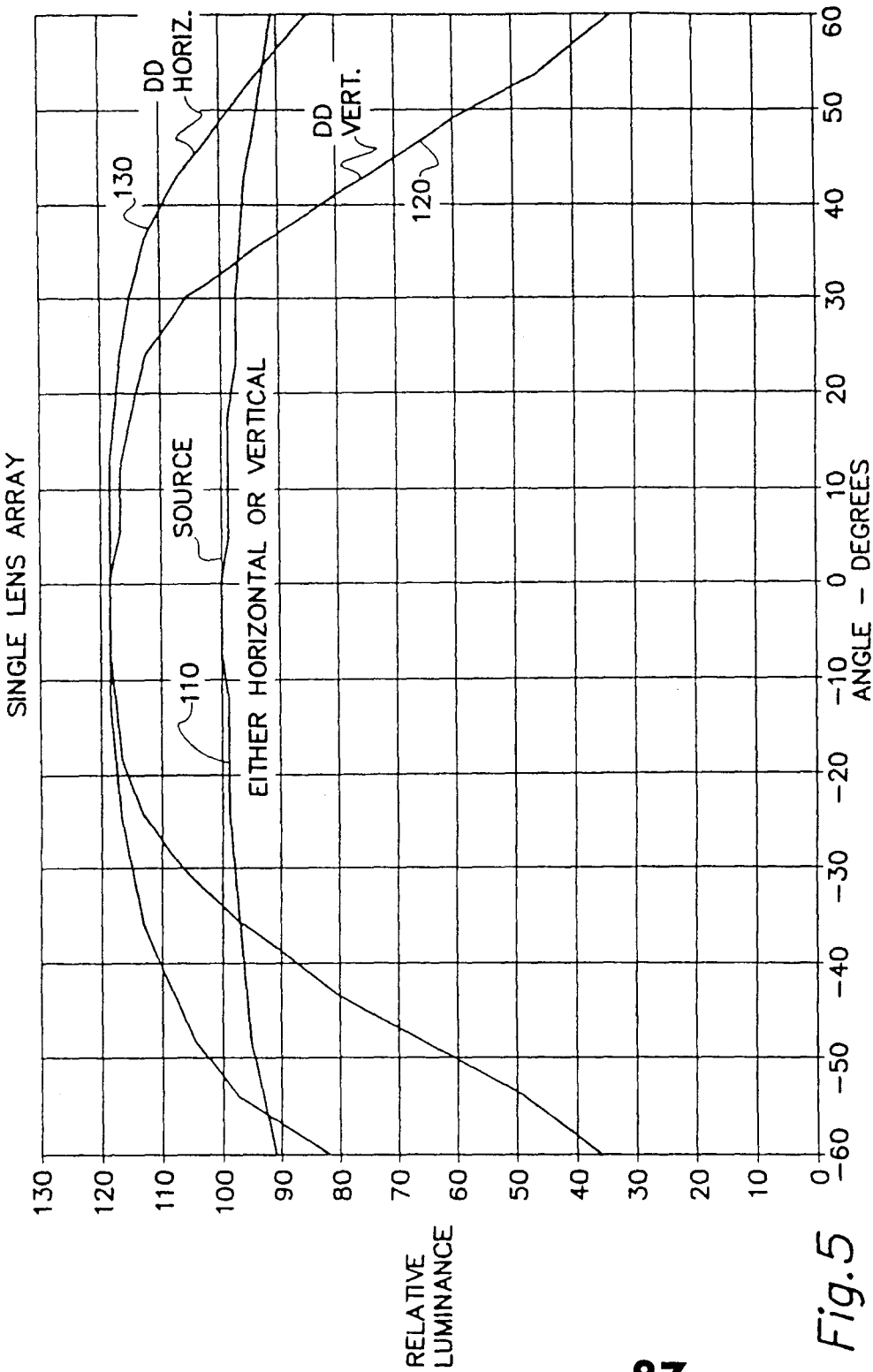


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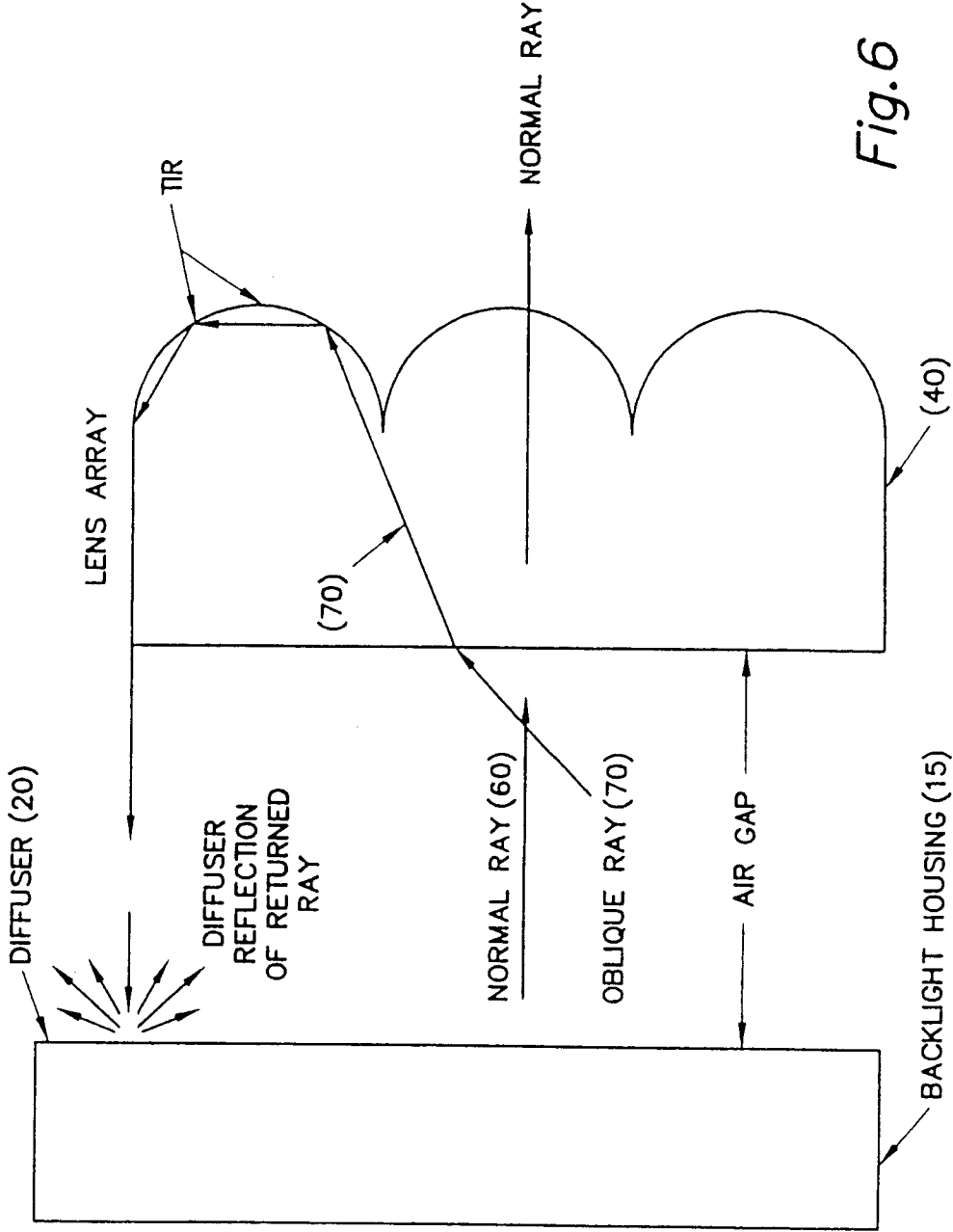


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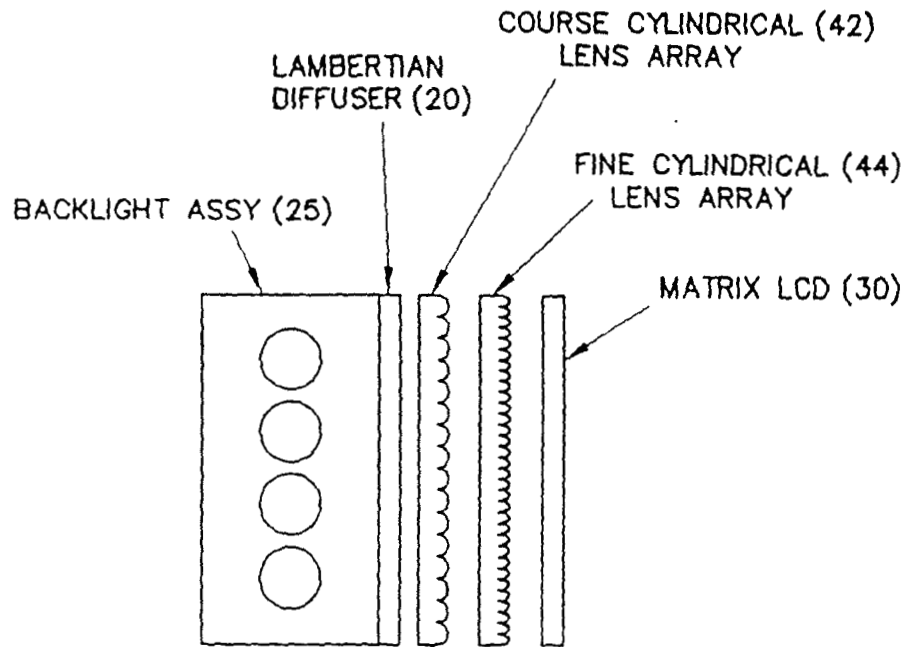


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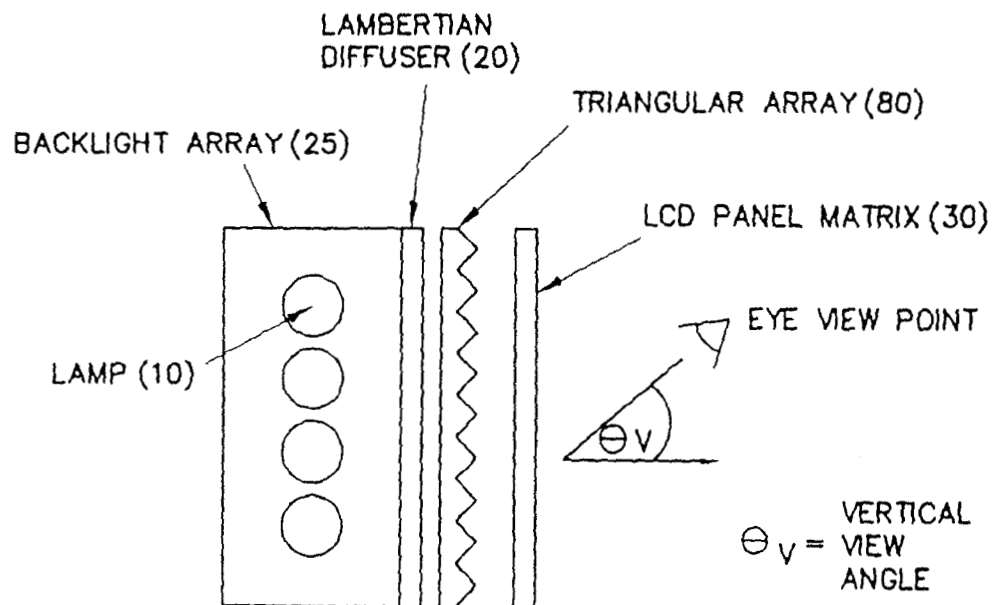


Fig. 10 TRIANGULAR LENS ARRAY

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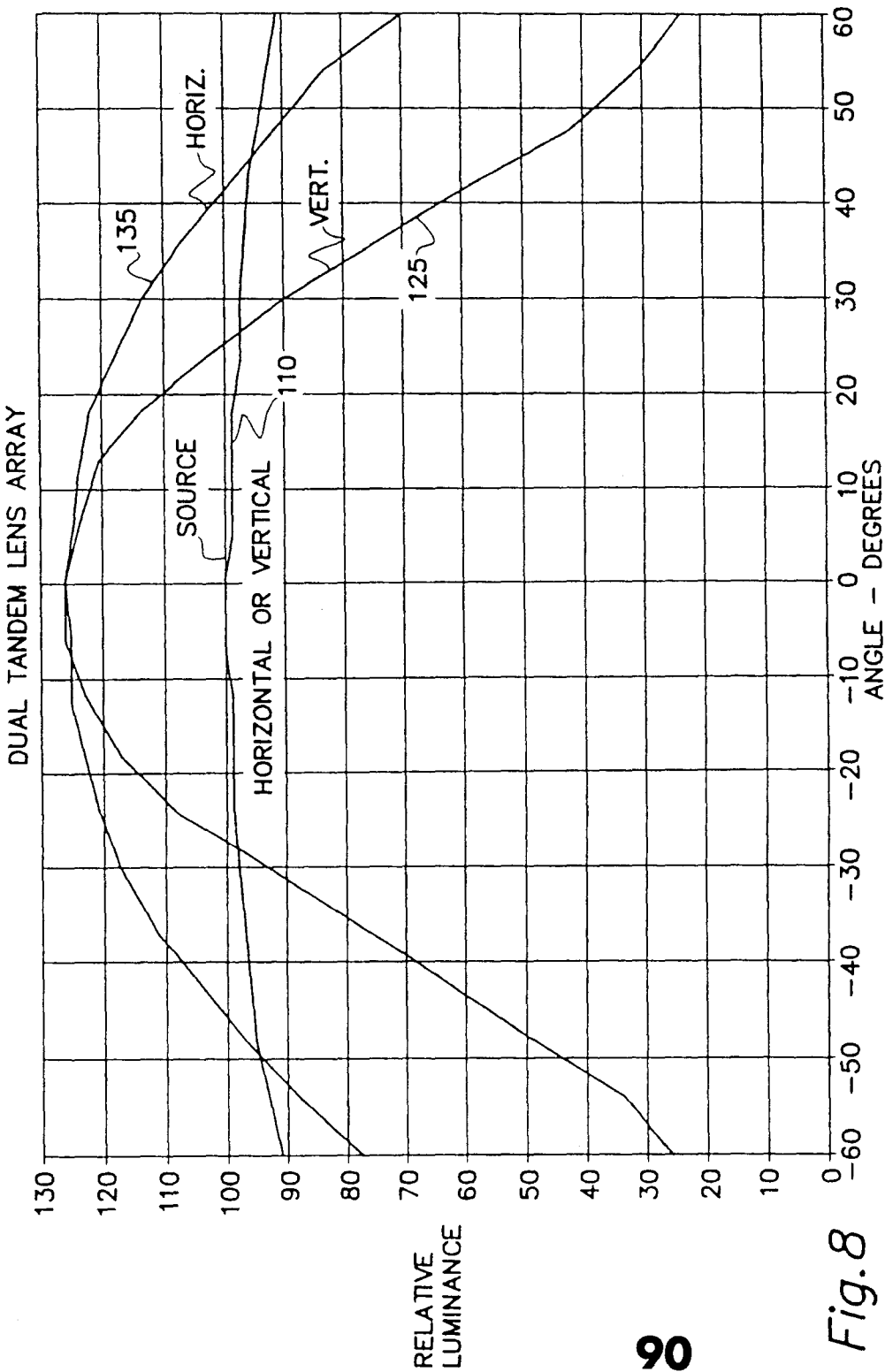


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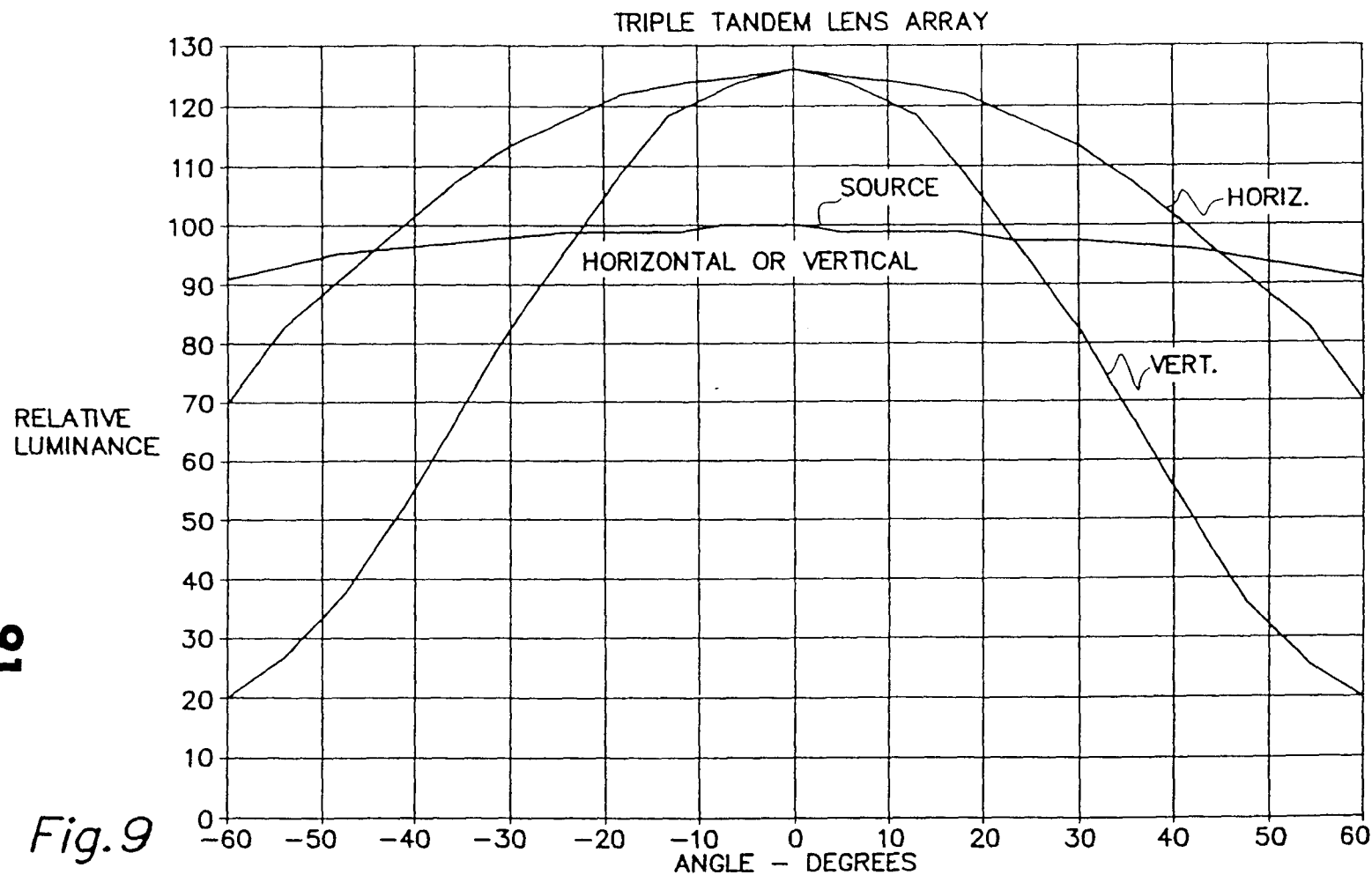


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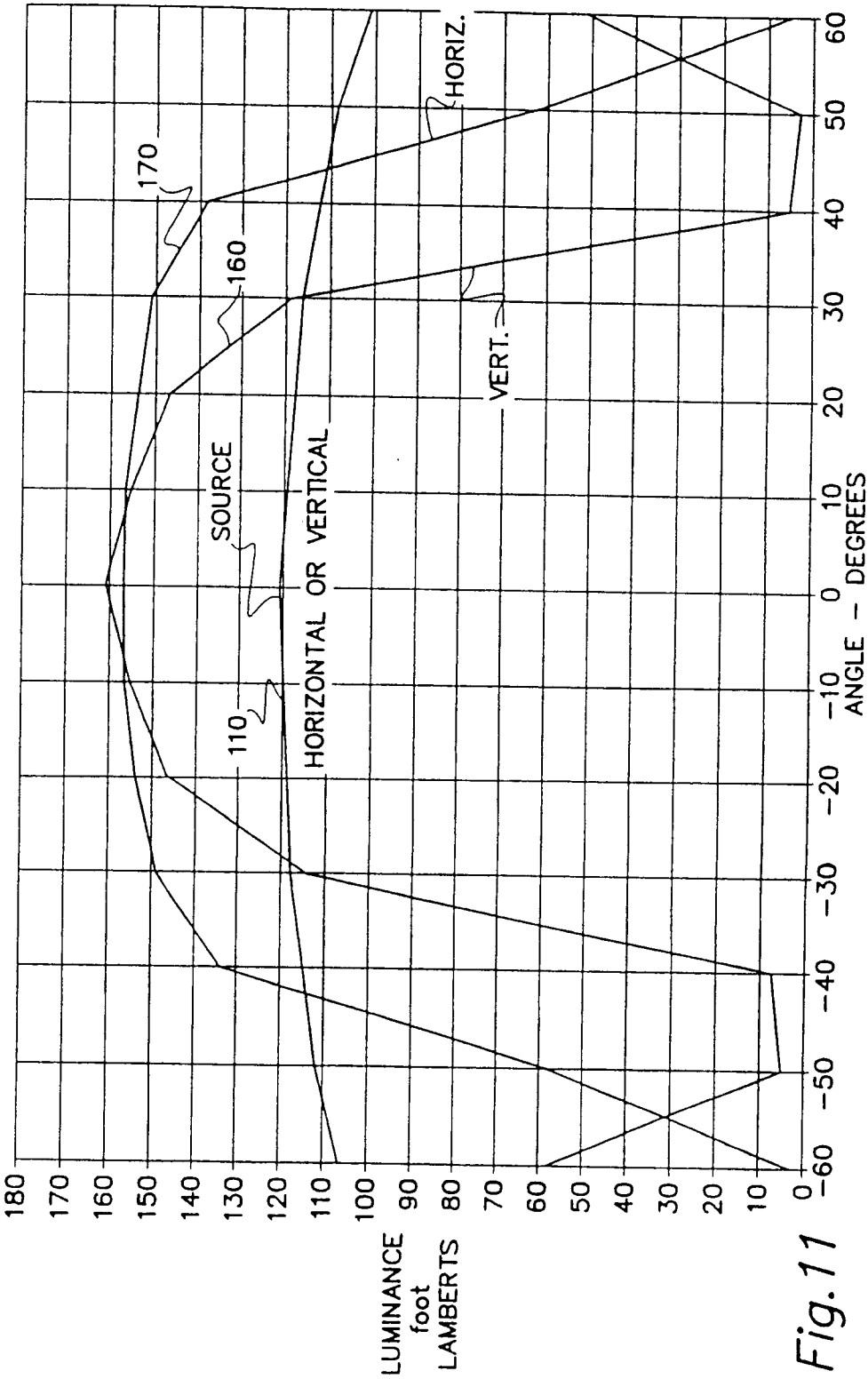


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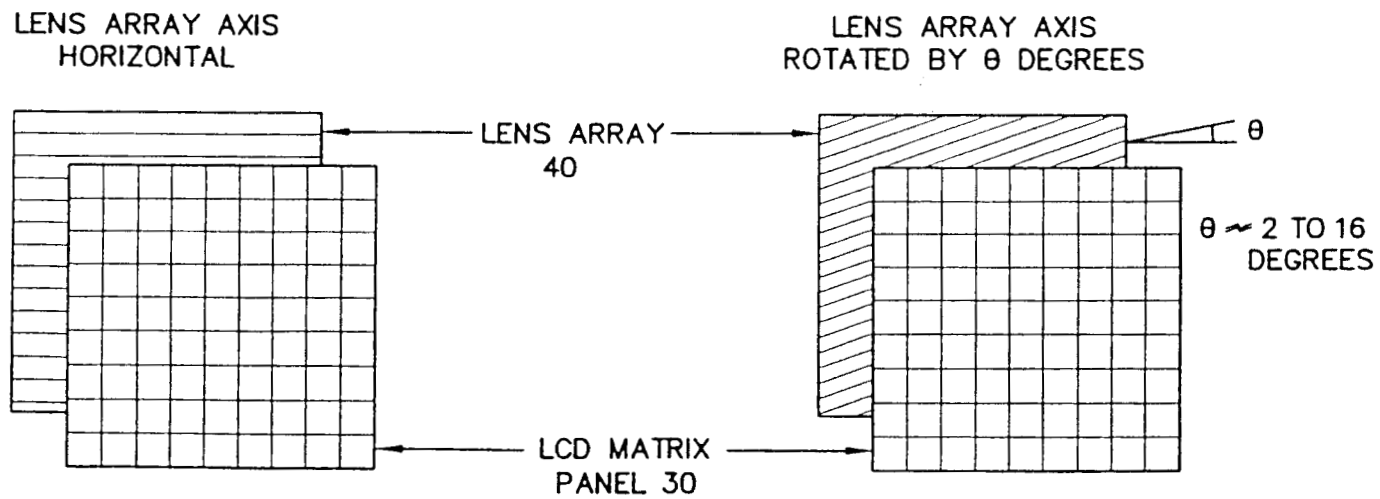


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☒ Corrected/substituted drawings for the above-identified application, received in the PTO on 8-27-93 are still considered informal for the reason(s) identified on the attached Form PTO-948.

☒ Applicant has the time remaining in the response period set in the Notice of Allowability or Notice of Drawing Requirements mailed 7-19-93 to overcome the objections raised in the attached Form PTO-948. This response period may be extended under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) by filing the appropriate request and fee before the end of the six month statutory period for response.

☐ The PTO delayed in reviewing the corrected drawings. Applicant is given ONE month time limit from the date of this letter to provide corrected drawings. NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). See MPEP 714.03. However, the response period set in the Notice of Allowability or Notice of Drawing Requirements mailed _____ may be extended under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) by filing the appropriate request and fee before the end of the six month statutory period for response.

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ATTACHMENT: PTO-948

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The drawings filed

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TRANSMITTAL OF NEW DRAWING(S) TO CORRECT INFORMALITIES
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NOTE: Applicant may correct any informalities in the drawings made by the Draftsman's objections on PTO-948 by filing new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. If the filing of the drawings are delayed until receipt of the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37) the new drawings MUST be filed within the THREE MONTH shortened statutory period set for response in the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

NOTE: Corrected drawings as well as the issue fee should be addressed to: Box Issue Fee. Notice of November 30, 1990 (1122 O.G. 571 to 591).

NOTE: Applicant is required to submit ACCEPTABLE corrected drawings within the three month shortened statutory period set in the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37). Within that three month period, two weeks should be allowed for review by the Office of the correction. If a correction is determined to be unacceptable by the Office, applicant must arrange to have an acceptable correction re-submitted within the original three month period to avoid the necessity of obtaining an extension of time and of paying the extension fee. THEREFORE, APPLICANT SHOULD FILE CORRECTED DRAWINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Notice of January 14, 1985 (1051 O.G. 3).

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SUBMISSION OF DRAWING(S)

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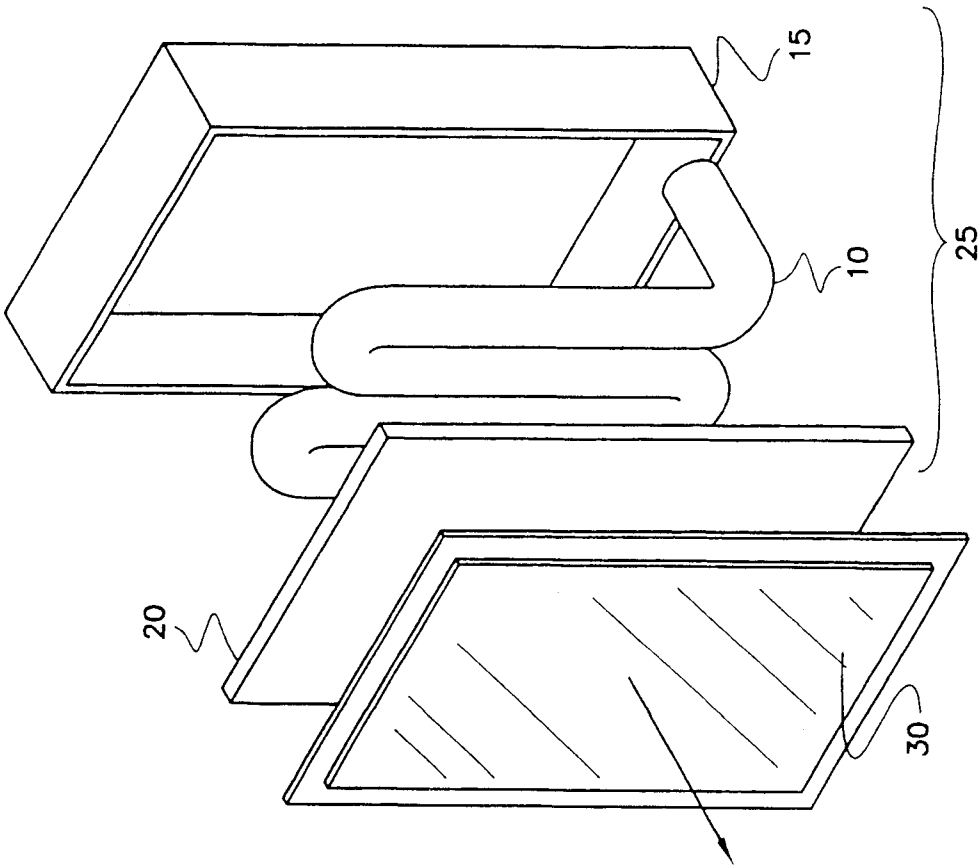
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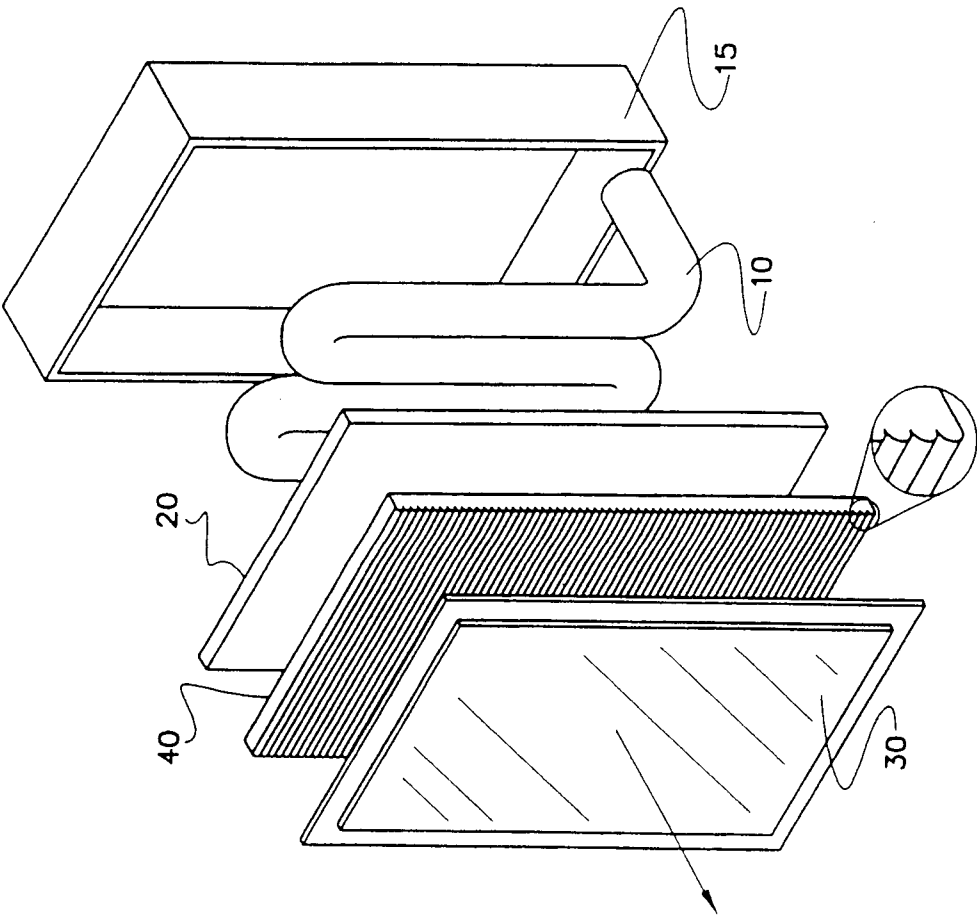
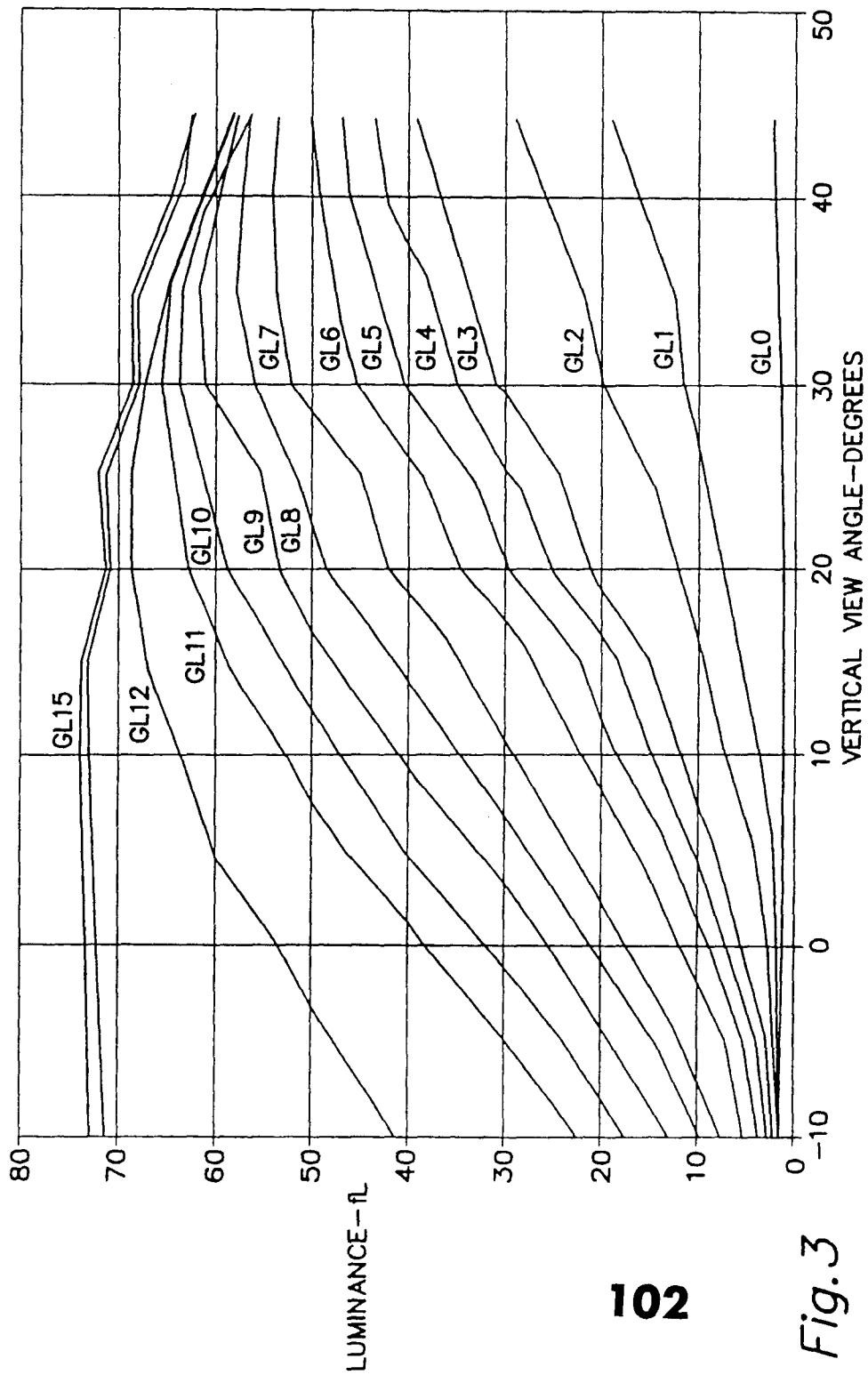


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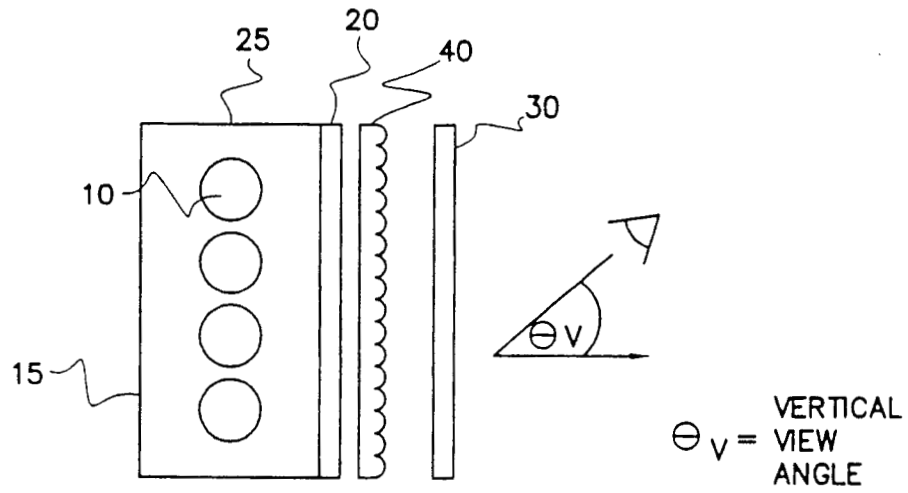


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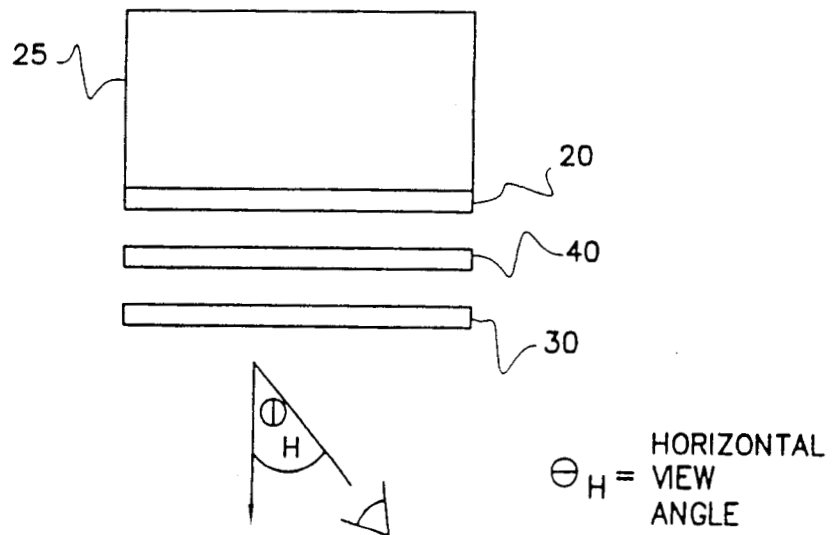


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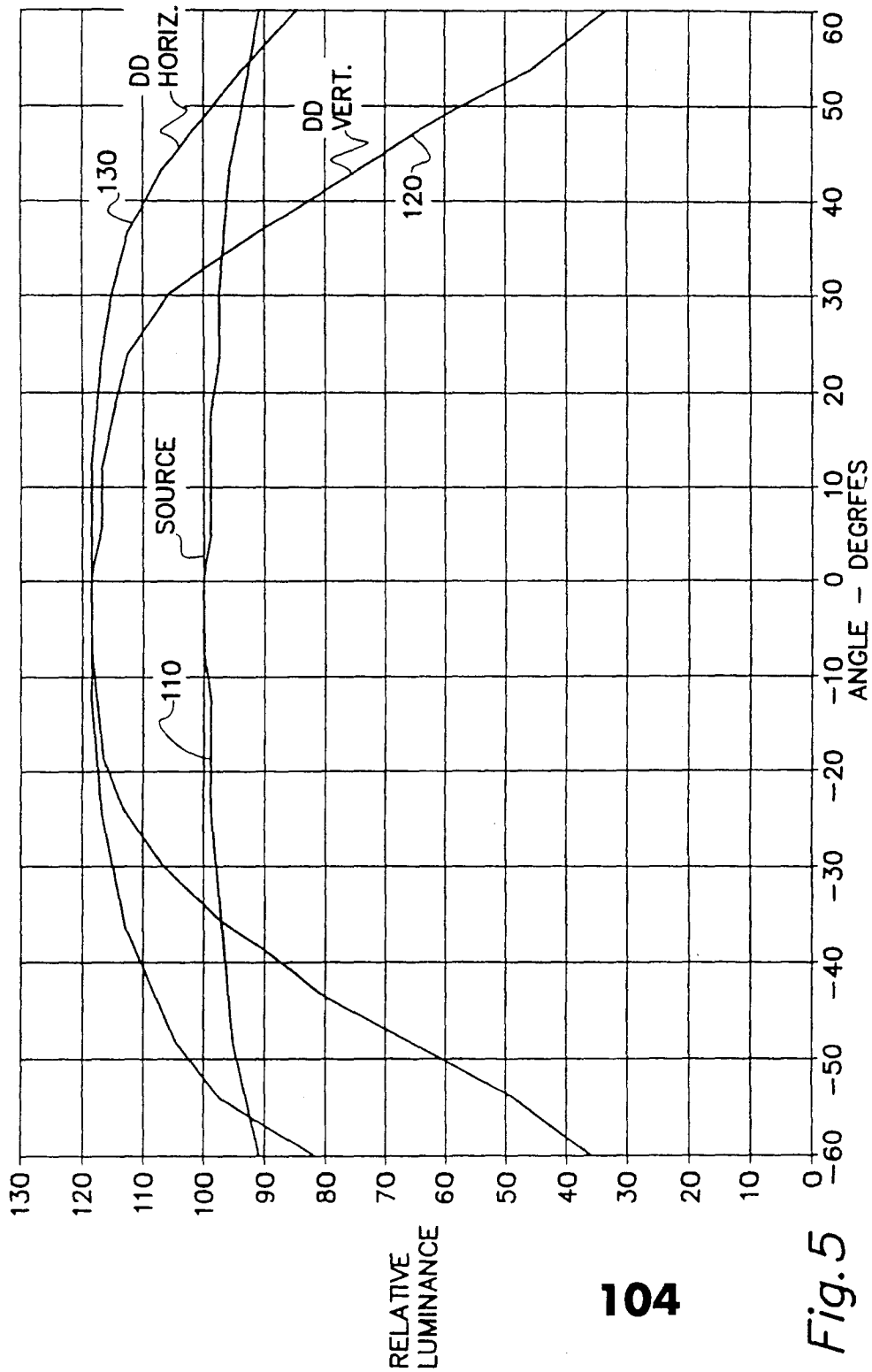
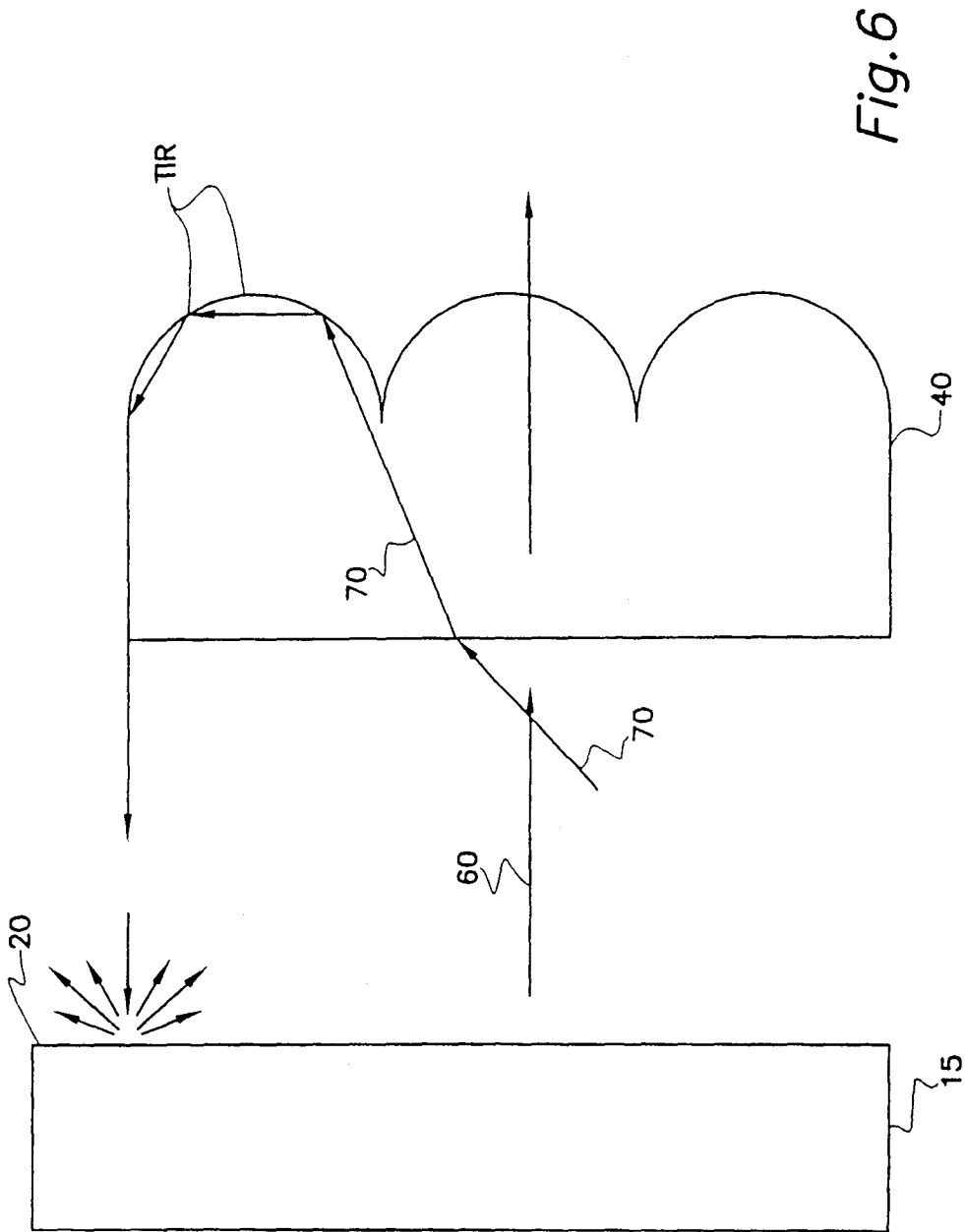


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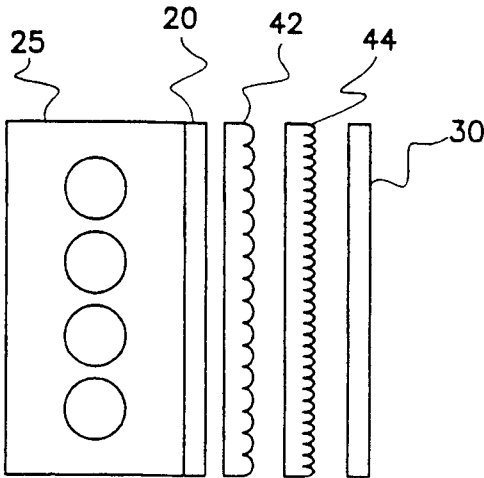
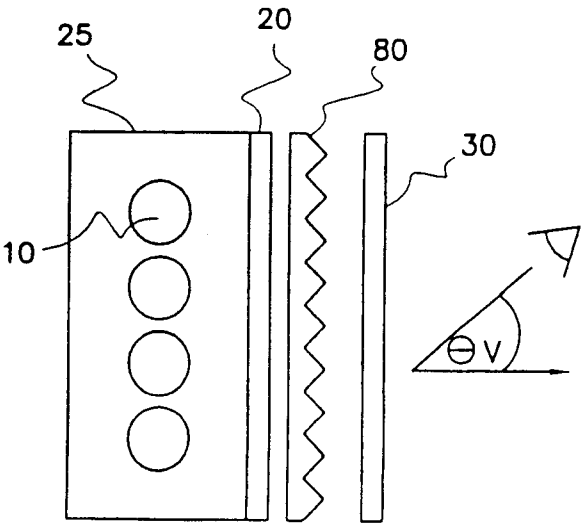


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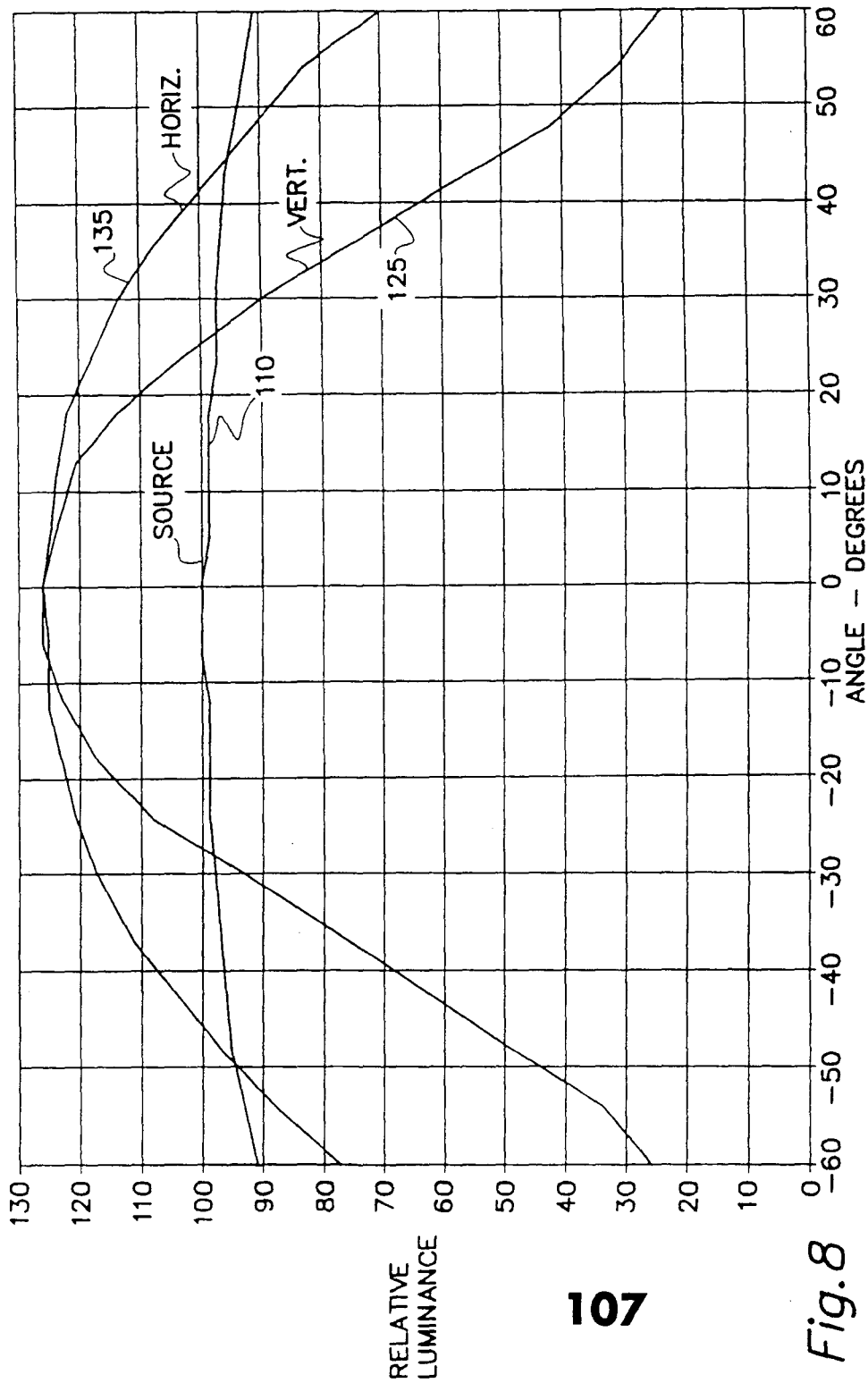
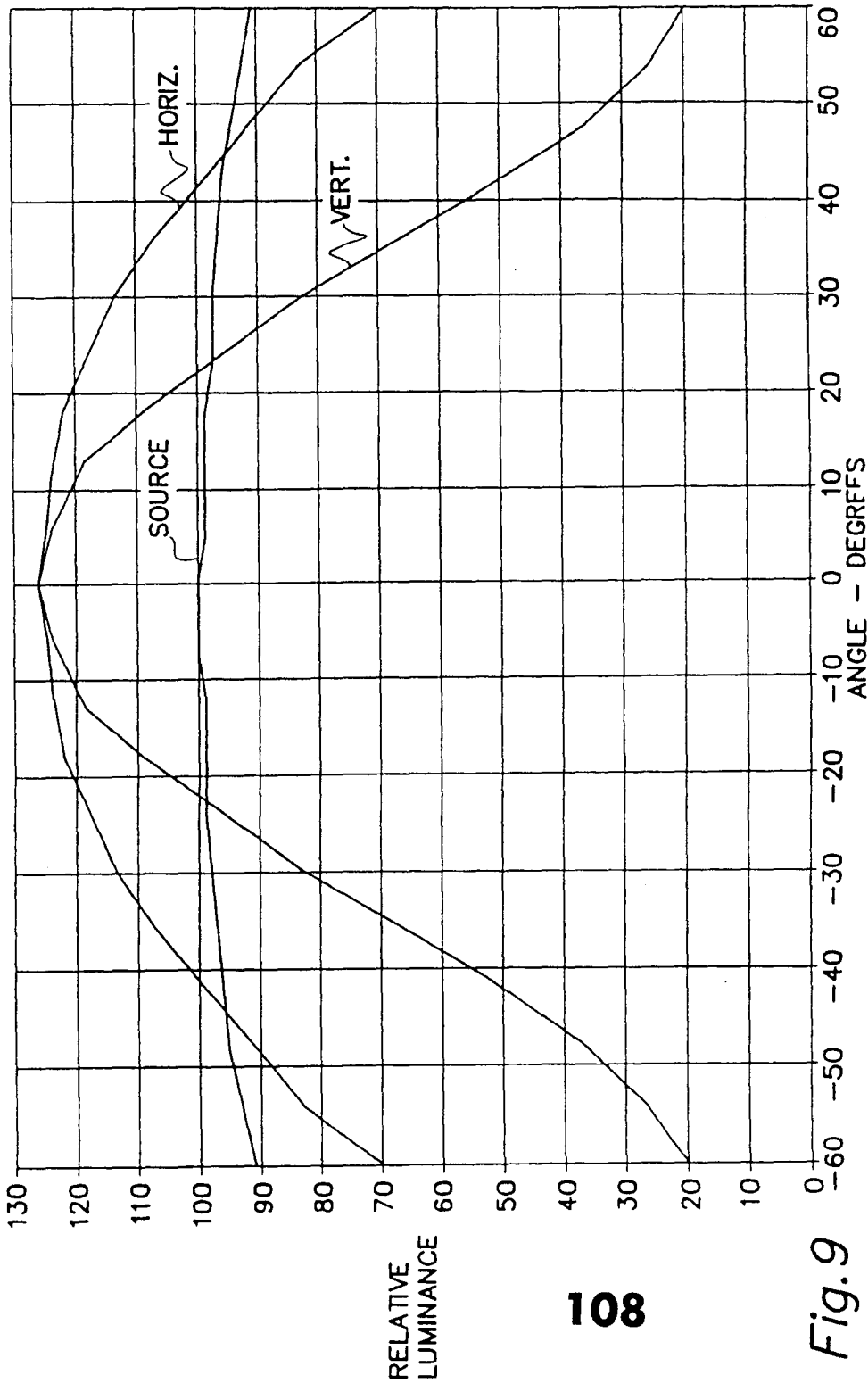


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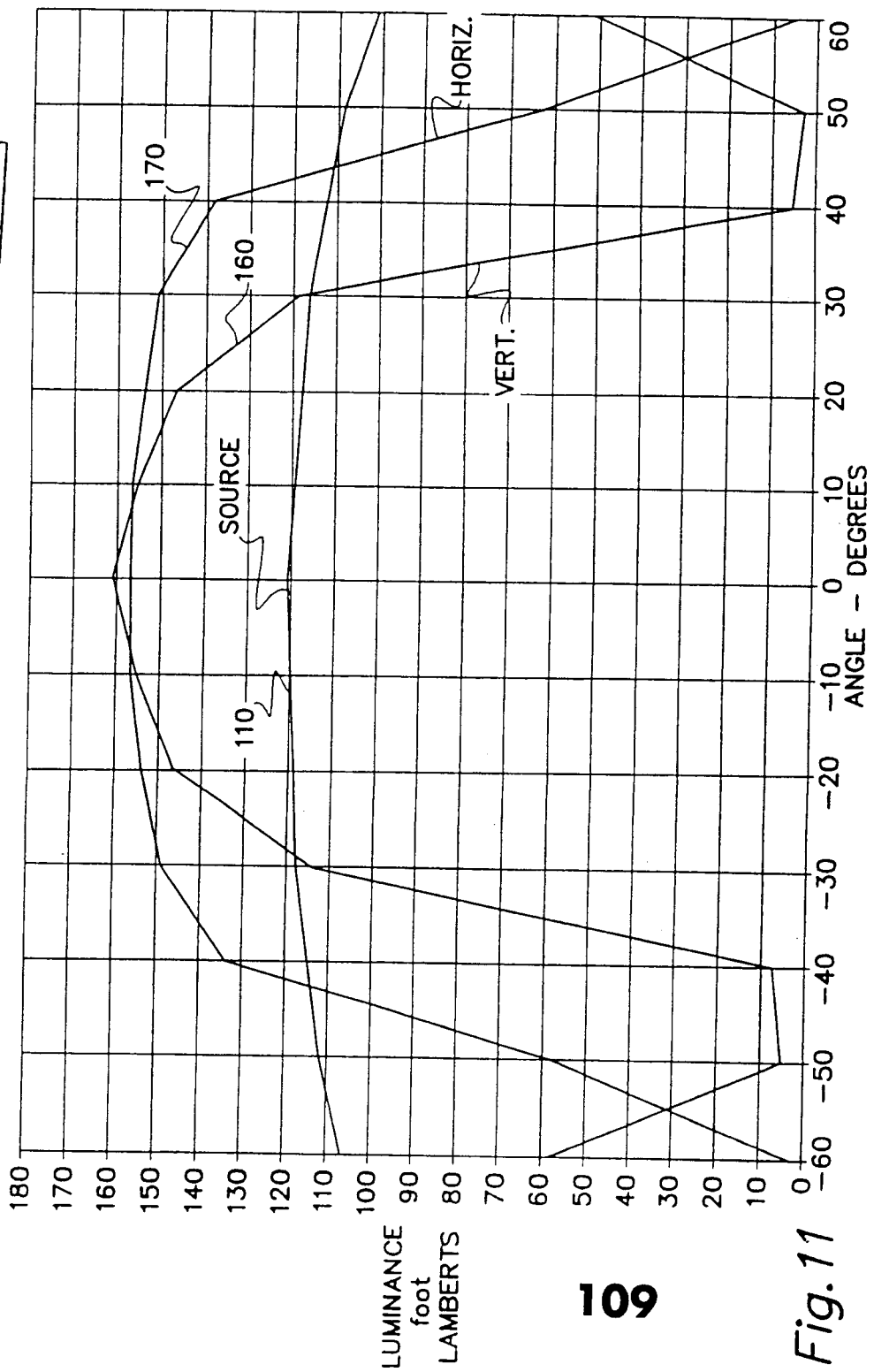


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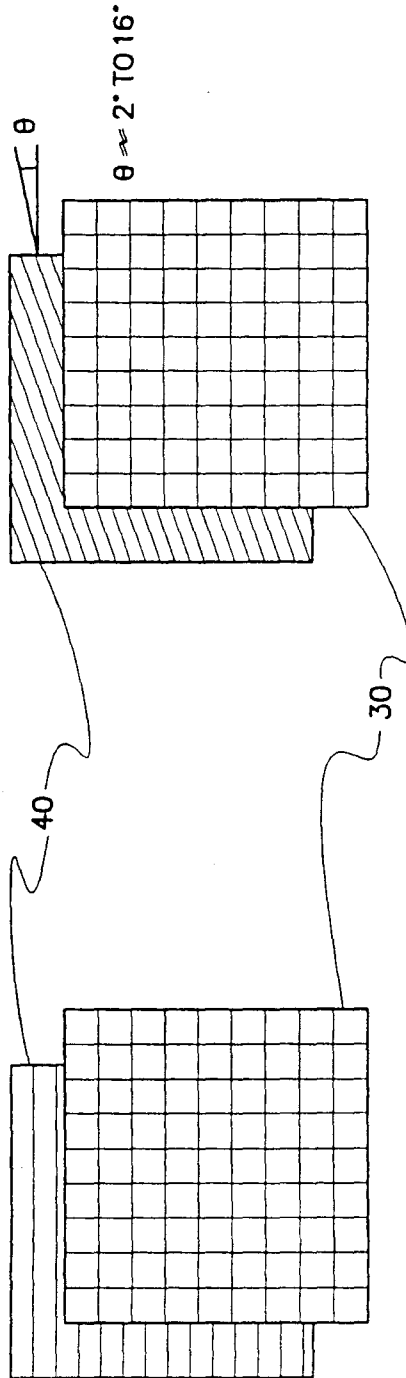


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(54) LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY ELEMENT

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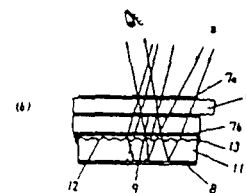
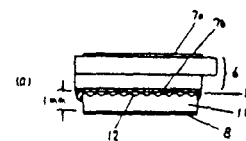
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PURPOSE: To obtain the liquid crystal display element which has no shades of display patterns on a reflecting plate and has excellent visibility by diffusing the light past a liquid crystal cell by a light diffusion plate having a rugged surface or a light diffusion plate fixed with many transparent beads.

CONSTITUTION: A 1st polarizing plate 7a and a 2nd polarizing plate 7b are provided on both surfaces of the liquid crystal cell 6. The light diffusion plate 11 is one-side ground glass having the rugged surface 12 and the reflecting plate 8 consisting of a polyester film deposited with aluminum by evaporation is provided on the smooth surface thereof. This light diffusion plate 11 and the reflecting plate 8 are fixed in the form of being superposed on the 2nd polarizing plate 7b to the liquid crystal cell 6. The display patterns 9 are, therefore, visible in the same manner as heretofore, but the light past the liquid crystal cell 6 is diffused by the rugged surface 12 of the light diffusion plate 11. The formation of the distinct shadows is averted in this way and the double appearance of the display patterns is obviated. The extremely good visibility is thus obtd.



a: light

54) MANUFACTURE OF LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
UNIT

- 11) Kokai No. 52-68400 (43) 6.7.1977 (21) Appl. No. 50-143962
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PURPOSE: To increase transparency of diffusion surface by giving etching process after mechanical polish of light diffusion surface of semiconductor of liquid crystal display unit.

CONSTITUTION: When electric field is applied between upper electrode 2a and lower electrode 2b opposing to desired pattern, the liquid crystal at that area loses light emission function and incident rays which passed deflecting plate 6a is shut out by deflection plate 6b. Here, the light diffusion surface receives polish etching to lower light diffusion property a little, and has increased transparency. Therefore, the external light which passed through plate 6a has extremely decreased diffusion light quantity, so that most of the light transmits light director 7 and is then reflected at surface 7b. Thus, the display pattern can be read extremely easily. In this structure, the production of light diffusion surface is facilitated only by addition of etching process with increased transparency. As a result, the incident transmittance of external light is greatly increased to display pattern extremely clearly. At the same time, instantaneous and clear reading of the display becomes possible due to betterment of directivity of light reflection surface 7b.

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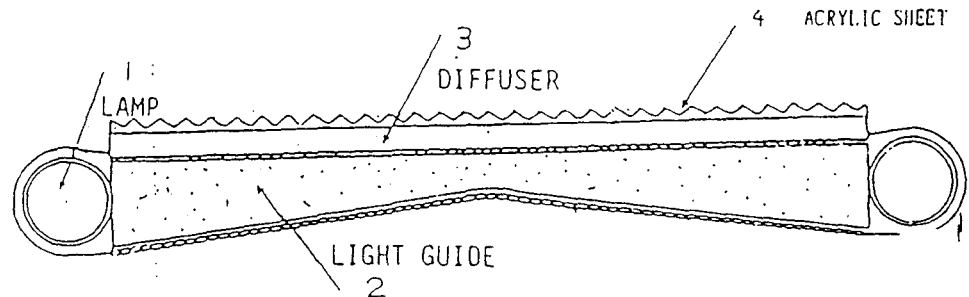


Fig. 1

Disclosed is a backlight device for a transmissive liquid crystal display. This device emits a polarized light whose polarizing axis is parallel with that of a polarizer located on one side of a liquid crystal cell and near the backlight so that the light can pass through the polarizer more than a non-polarized light.

Light which has no polarization from a backlight into the liquid crystal cell has uniform electromagnetic field for 360 degrees. Theoretically, 50 percent of electromagnetic field is absorbed and 50 percent is transmitted by the polarizer. In actuality, 58 percent of electromagnetic field is absorbed and 42 percent is transmitted.

With reference to Fig. 1, the backlight disclosed herein consists of fluorescent lamps 1, an acrylic transparent light guide 2, an acrylic translucent diffuser 3, and an acrylic sheet 4 which has an indented cross-section. Light emitted from the fluorescent lamps 1 is conducted through the light guide 2 by the law of total reflection and is scattered by the diffuser 3 for the purpose of uniform luminance. The acrylic sheet 4 not only optimizes the emitting direction of light by varying the indentation angle but also polarizes the light. Fig. shows a rotation angle versus luminance measured with a polarizing prism. In this case, the acrylic sheet has a indentation angle of 90

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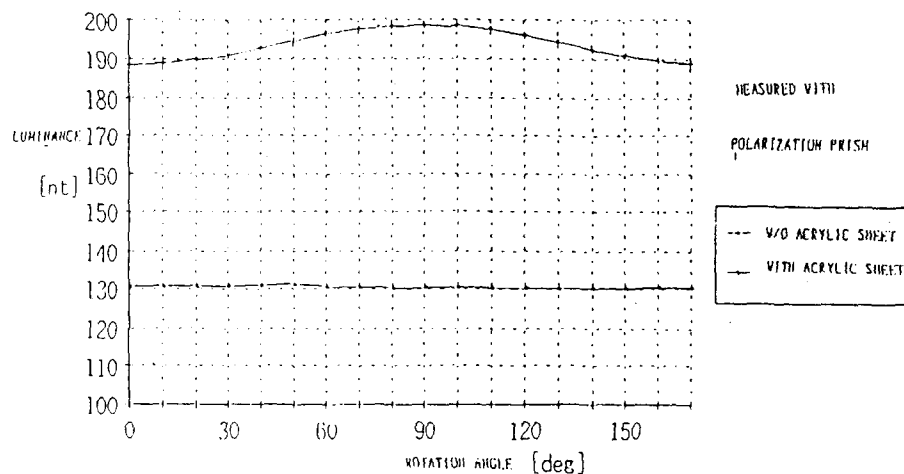


Fig. 2

degrees. This chart shows that luminance changes according to the rotation angle, that is to say, the light has polarization. Five percent of luminous increase is achieved by arranging a polarizing axis of the polarizer and transmissive axis of the acrylic sheet parallel.

In the above example, 5 percent of luminous increase is achieved in consequence of 5 percent of polarization of light. In case linear polarization of light is accomplished, the backlight device makes it possible to eliminate the polarizer located on the backlight side of the liquid crystal cell.